

# The Descendants of William Henry Phillips Sr. In America

## Introduction

Over three decades ago, my wife, Amy, asked my mother Bernice Phillips, if she had any knowledge of the Phillips Family ancestry. My mother promptly handed her a large paper bag, filled with scraps of paper, names and dates, pictures, and newspaper articles regarding our family. Over time, we have tried to make sense of it all in some kind of orderly fashion. The results are now found in the following pages of this compilation, dedicated to my mother's memory.

Starting out with the contents of the paper bag, we began adding information gathered from family members, historians, church and city records, and last but not least the internet. Neither source would have been sufficient by itself, but together helped create a more rounded, three dimensional description of those who came before us.

This book is only intended to be a starting point, solid ground if you will, for others to continue in earnest. It begins with our Ancestor, William Henry Phillips, who took his first steps in England, and his last in America. Following his lineage further back would require much personal time spent in England, a dream we hold dear, but could never afford.

William Henry Phillips had four sons in America, which resulted in three descendant branches being formed; therefore, we all are members of either the William Henry Jr, the James Ephraim, or the Walter Daniel Branch.

We have made every effort to be accurate in what we have written down. If not, we hereby apologize. Family stories retold time and again often lose some truth. Many times, they are incorrect from the beginning, often conjured up from false assumptions, or even a family grudge. We've held no such grudges, but from time to time have been forced to make assumptions of our own. We feel those made are of a strong validity, but that is for you to decide. Catch phrases like "most likely", or "probably", and "we can only assume" should alert you to rough patches of rationale. Please feel free to contest, delete, or add to this book in any way you see fit. It is as we stated, only a starting point.

It is our wish that anyone living, now or in the future will connect the dots from where we've left off and they've begun. It is our hope that as long as mankind walks the earth, this compilation will never be finished.

Barry and Amy Phillips.

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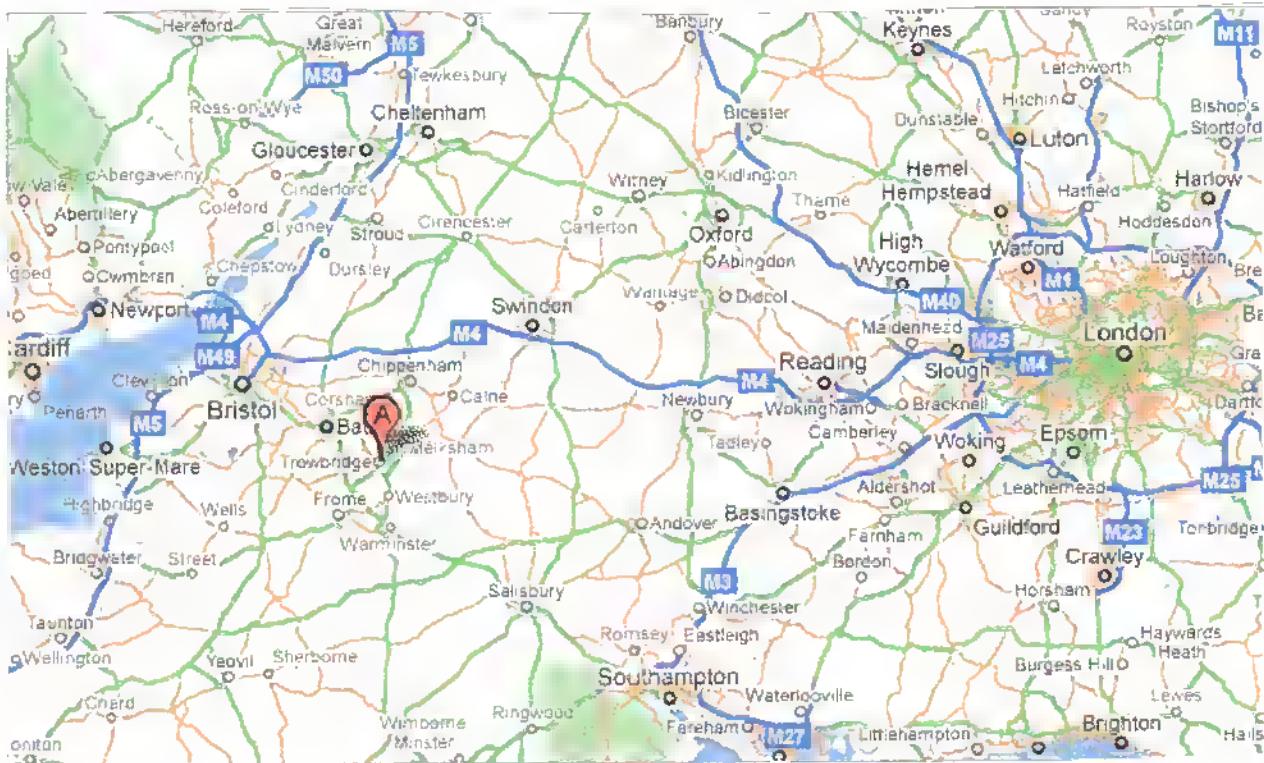
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**Additional family photos**  
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## THE PHILLIPS SURNAME TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND

Daniel Collett and Jane Morgan were married on October 5, 1814. Trowbridge, St. James Parish records show that Daniel, a weaver, and Jane christened their daughter, Mary Ann, on March 11, 1827. The same records show that James Phillips, a farmer and his wife Sarah, christened their son, William Henry on August 1, 1830.

William Henry and Mary Ann grew up, worked, courted and most likely married in the Trowbridge or London area about 1854. Shortly thereafter, around 1856 they took their dreams and aspirations to America.



Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England.

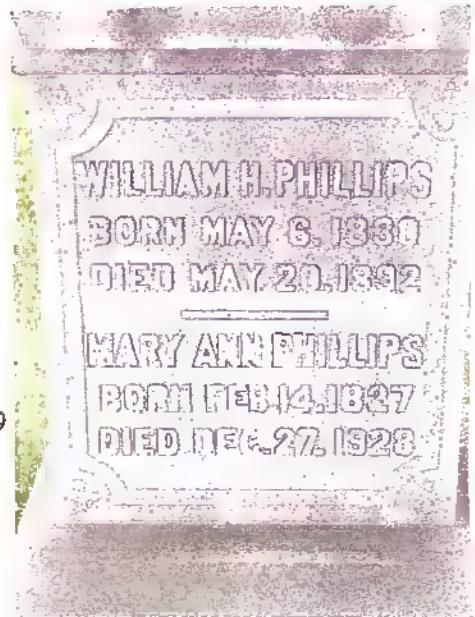
**(1) WILLIAM HENRY PHILLIPS, SR.**  
MARY ANN COLLETT

Sex: Male  
 Birth: May 6, 1830 Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England  
 Death: May 20, 1892 Norwood Park, Cook, Illinois  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL  
 Father: James Ephriam  
 Mother: Sarah \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married: Mary Ann Collett – abt 1854  
 Birth: February 14, 1827 – Trowbridge, England  
 Death: December 27, 1928 – Norwood Park, Cook, IL  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL

Children: 2. William Henry, Jr. b. Dec. 14, 1858 d. July 3, 1939  
 3. James Ephriam b. Feb. 14, 1861 d. Apr. 7, 1948  
 4. Francis John b. Jan. 6, 1863 d. June 24, 1957  
 5. Walter Daniel b. Feb. 1, 1866 d. Apr. 10, 1961

Adopted

Daughter: Elizabeth Collett (married 3. James Ephriam)



William Henry Phillips was born in England in 1830, son of James and Sarah Phillips. In early life, William Henry engaged as a florist in London for 4 years after which he was engaged in submarine diving which he followed for 6 years at Alderny, Westminster Bridge, British Channel, and at Bahia, South America, where he was employed by English Merchants to discharge and raise the sunken steamships. Family tradition states that William and Mary Ann were married in England about 1854 and came to America together about 1856. They spent the first 8 months in their new country in Bethlehem, PA and then migrated to Cook County, and located at Lake View, now part of Chicago, IL. William worked as a florist and superintendent of the Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery/Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. The 1860 census shows William, and Mary Ann living in the caretakers quarters on cemetery property. It is most likely that all 4 sons were born there. William worked at this location for 16 years, during which he drove the first stage from the Chicago boundary of Fullerton Avenue to Graceland, the summer of that cemetery's dedication.

In 1873 William moved to southwest Norwood Park Township, now part of Norridge and Harwood Heights, IL. He purchased a house on 10 acres and leased an adjoining 300 acres of land on the southwest corner of Lawrence and what was to be called Phillips Avenue (now Ozanam Ave.). In time, he purchased 2 lots in the Dunning area on Old Plank Road. This area, which is now Irving Park Road and approximately Oak Park Avenue, was known mostly for its large insane asylum and county poor farm called Dunning. William also acquired 300 acres of land in Minnesota.

WILLIAM HENRY PHILLIPS, SR.  
FIRST IN AMERICA



WILLIAM HENRY CIRCA 1870  
LAKEVIEW/CHICAGO, IL

MARY ANN PHILLIPS  
FIRST IN AMERICA

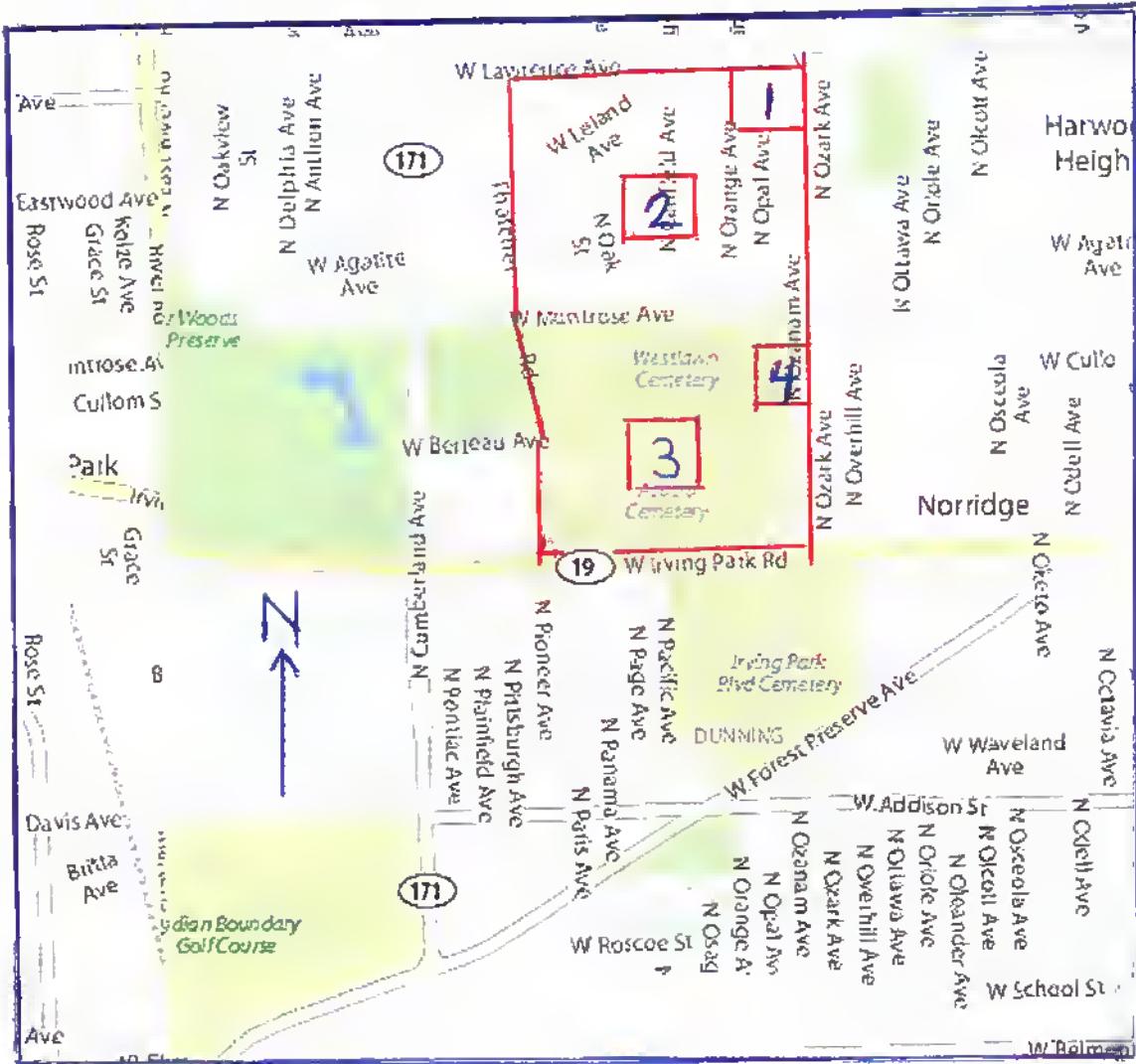
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MARY ANN CIRCA 1870  
LAKEVIEW/CHICAGO, IL

The 1880 U.S. census tells us that William Henry, Jr. has already left dad's farm and James, the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest son is helping as a farmhand. Frank and Walter are listed as students and in their teens, however all but Frank soon move to Chicago and marry. In addition to farming, William Henry is running a greenhouse and it seems he and Frank prosper for Frank buys additional adjacent farmlands and builds his own house of red brick at Phillips Avenue and Irving Park Rd.

In 1892, William Henry Phillips, Sr. dies leaving Mary Ann living in the old farm house on Lawrence Ave. with Frank, her son and his wife living down the street. When Mary Ann Phillips dies in 1928, the original 10 acre farm at Lawrence and Phillips (Ozanum) Avenues is passed down to William Henry Phillips Jr.



1. Original farm house and acreage on Lawrence Avenue and Phillips Street
2. Original acreage leased by William Henry Phillips
3. Additional property purchased
4. Site of the red brick farmhouse of Frank Phillips

(1)



William Henry Phillips Sr.  
(from tintype photo)  
Circa 1859

(1)



**William Henry Jr. and James Ephraim  
Baptism photos  
(from Tintype photos)**



(1)



**Mary Ann Collett Phillips and first born son  
William Henry Phillips Jr.**



Thomas

138 Madison St., Cor. Clark,  
CHICAGO.

## MARY ANN COLLETT WIFE OF WILLIAM HENRY, SR

How do we describe Mary Ann? Tradition says she is the one who was the charter member and helped organize the Presbyterian Church at 7800 W. Bertrand in Chicago, IL. It is said that it was her alone that Phillips Street was named after. We know she raised 4 sons at the caretaker's house in Lakeview/Chicago and on the farm in Norwood Park, IL. We know that after her husband died, she helped raise her grandson, 12. Fred, while living in the farmhouse on Lawrence Avenue. She was a celebrated pioneer of the community, one who enjoyed great longevity. Around 1926 she moved in with her son, Francis J. at his Franklin Park, IL home where on December 27, 1928 she died from a broken hip.

To know the real Mary Ann in her own words, read the following newspaper article:

### 'FREE' MIND ADDS TO YEARS, SAYS WOMAN OF 100

BY FRANCES FARMER.

"My son—eh? Well, well, who would ever have thought that a little mite of a thing like me could be the mother of a big strapping fellow like you?"

"Whenever I look at men," said Mrs. Mary Anna Phillips, who at the home of her son, Frank J. Phillips of Franklin Park, celebrated yesterday the 100th anniversary of her birth, "I always think of what they must have looked like when they were babies."

"Whenever I see one of these so-called men of affairs, bald-headed and with a big wry mustache, sitting at a big mahogany desk and chewing at a big black cigar while he builds a skyscraper inside of his head or runs a railroad or a bank or discovers wireless telegraphy or radio or some other thing to make the world younger and better and more interesting to live in, I always try to imagine what he looked like in a ruffled cap and with his thumb in his mouth."

"Little miles of things they are when they come and put them in our arms—little miles of things, looking around with big wondering eyes and grasping about with tiny helpless hands, babbling and squirming and with just one idea in the world—food."

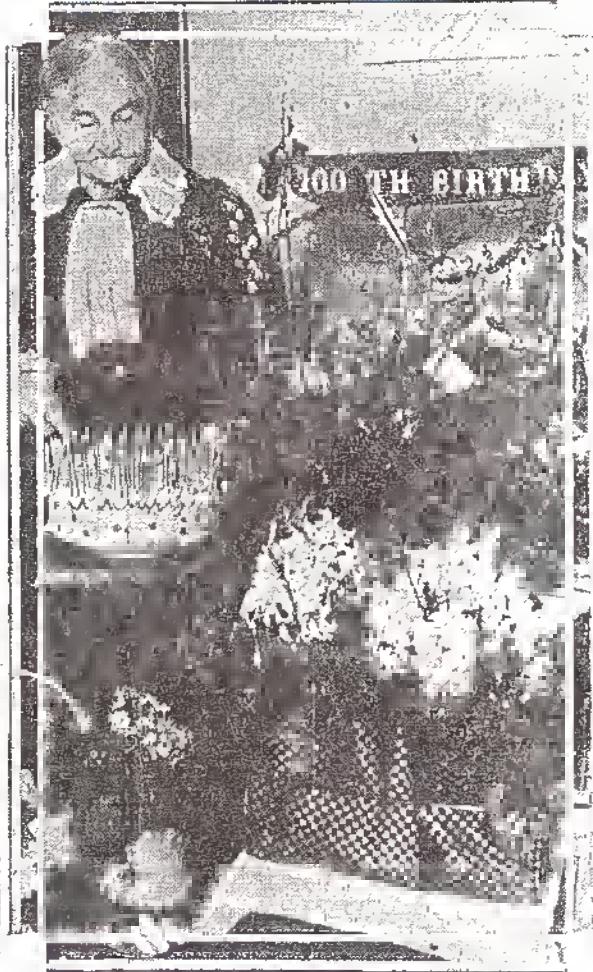
"Four sons were present to help a remarkable mother light the 100 candles on her birthday cake yesterday. They were William H. and Walter D. Phillips of Norwood Park, James Phillips of Chicago and Frank J. Phillips, at whose home she lives. Twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren were also present."

"Do you think," inquired the sprightly and interesting woman enthroned amid the flowers that marked the passing of her one hundredth milestone, "that I ought to change my dress, or will my black velvet look all right in the picture? **STILL UNBOBBED.**"

"I've always been fond of black velvet," she said, "I think a woman whose skin is fair always looks her best in it. No, my hair isn't bobbed. It's just this way I have of doing it, plain and brought down low on the back of my neck."

"Do I like bobbed hair? I like it

### FOR 'MODERN' GIRL



Modern woman, with her roving mind and healthful clothes will live longer than her sisters of past decades, in the opinion of Mrs. Mary Ann Phillips, who was 100 yesterday.

MARY ANN  
NORWOOD PARK  
PIONEER



MARY ANN'S 100<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY CAKE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1927.

Woman, 100, Sees  
Longer Lives

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where it belongs—on the heads of the young. It doesn't go with a mature face, however, and once the skin has lost its freshness, its effect on the neck is always令人不快. I often think that if some of the women who wear it could see their own necks, they would go off somewhere by themselves and wait until their hair grew out.

"No t'va nothing to say against the short skirt. I like the things women wear nowadays. They're so much more sensible, so much more modest than the things we women wore in the days when I was young.

LIVES BY MIND.

"You'll see, too, that women will begin to live much longer. They're living better lives—eating more wholesome food and living out of doors in the clean fresh air. They've set their bodies free from those cramping, form-fitting corsets and gowns we used to wear when I was a girl, and they've opened up their minds to so many of the threatening things that are going on in the world.

"After all, that's the secret of my 100 years—the mind. It's the mind and not the body by which we live. If the mind is right—if it renews and refreshes itself day by day, the body will respond.

"In England we were 'humble folk,' and in England, what you are born that you remain. All you can

do is grow up and grow old and die. In America a woman or a man has everything to live for—freedom, the opportunity to earn and save and get ahead. There's many a man and many a woman in an English workhouse who in America would have been a gentleman or a lady.

"Yes, I saw Queen Victoria. I saw her many times. When she was a girl? Yes, pretty? No. There was never a good-looking family. Of course they fixed her up to look as pretty as they could, I saw her first when I was 9. I remember it as it is yesterday.

"Yes, I saw King Edward, too.

Gladstone! Yes. He used to be about when it was election time. Was he fond of the ladies? I expect so. He was that kind. They hadn't carved him in marble and put him up on a pedestal in those days. He was a slim young fellow with a big mane of dark hair and growing gray-blue eyes, and his voice—well, it was a voice to charm the heart right out of a woman.

"But what's all that—seeing a king or a queen or two—to a woman who once saw Lincoln, to a woman who's lived in this wonderful country as long as I have—seventy-four in America and fifty-five in Chicago?"



Chicago was incorporated as a town in 1833, but by 1836 the population had grown to over 4,000 people and it officially became a city. By 1860, Graceland Cemetery had been dedicated and was just about 2 miles away from the city limits. Chicago was by then a large metropolitan area. Growth of the railroad system had increased its population to around 200,000. The far northwest townships of Jefferson and Leyden were about to cede land to a new township, Norwood Park. The nation was on the brink of Civil War of which the next president of the country would become the central figure.

In the year's preceding his taking of the presidential oath, Abraham Lincoln had routinely visited Chicago. As a southern Illinois lawyer, he not only had business, but also many friends in the city. There were 2 times, however, that Mary Ann would have had a good chance to see the man who had impressed her more than England's royalty.

In July of 1858, Lincoln addressed a crowd outside the Tremont Hotel in response to criticism of his policy views, especially slavery, made of him by Stephen Douglas. Lincoln firmly expressed his anti-slavery support. On November 23, 1860 President elect Lincoln hosted a public reception at the Tremont Hotel, shaking hands with well wishers most of the day. Either event could have given Mary Ann the opportunity to fuel her deep admiration.

In 1870, the population of Chicago had exceeded over 300,000 people, but then on October 9, 1871 the disaster that would change Chicago forever occurred. From their home at Graceland, Mary Ann could see Chicago burn and watched as William took his wagon towards the flames to help some residents rescue their furniture and belongings.



Over 17,000 buildings were destroyed the night of the Great Chicago Fire, but within 6 months over 300 new ones were under construction. The city was on its way to becoming bigger and stronger than before. Workers, material and food would be needed to rebuild from the ashes. Perhaps the demand for food was what prompted William and Mary Ann to start a farming business. In any event, by 1873, they had left the LakeView area for Norwood Park.

# Bits and Pieces

Things we Don't Know, Couldn't Find or Figure Out -  
Perhaps Your Stepping Stone to Find Out More of Our English  
Ancestors!!!!

1841 England Census

Name:	James Phillips
Age:	50
Estimated birth year:	abt 1791
Gender:	Male
Where born:	Wiltshire, England
Civil parish:	Trowbridge
Hundred:	Melksham
County/Island:	Wiltshire
Country:	England
Street address:	
Occupation:	Melksham
Registration district:	Melksham
Sub-registration district:	Trowbridge
Neighbors:	
Household Members:	
Name	Age
Fanny Phillips ✓	9
James Phillips ✓	50
John Phillips ✓	17
Mary Phillips ✓	14
Sarah Phillips	45
William Phillips	12

WHATEVER HAPPENED  
TO WILLIAM'S  
SIBLINGS?

FAMILY TRADITION SAYS  
SARAH'S MAIDEN NAME WAS  
SILLS?

England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906

Name:	Sarah Sills
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	abt 1795
Christening Date:	24 May 1795
Christening Place:	Treswell, Nottinghamshire, England
Father's Name:	Matthew Sills
Mother's Name:	Mary

Source Citation: Place: Treswell, Nottinghamshire, England; Collection: St. John's; Date Range: 1530 - 1906; Film Number: 127392.

Source Information:  
Ancestry.com. England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2006. Original data: Genealogical Society of Utah, British Isles Vital Records Project, and Edition, Salt Lake City, Utah Intellectual Reserve, copyright 2002. Used by permission.

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England & Wales Marriages, 1538-1940

Name:	Daniel Collett
Gender:	Male
Spouse's name:	Jane Morgan
Marriage Date:	5 Oct 1814
Marriage Place:	Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England

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England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906

Name:	William Henry Phillips
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	abt 1830
Christening Date:	1 Aug 1830
Christening Place:	Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England
Father's Name:	James Phillips
Mother's Name:	Sarah

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England & Wales Christening Records, 1530-1906

Name:	Mary Ann Collett
Gender:	Female
Birth Date:	abt 1827
Christening Date:	11 Mar 1827
Christening Place:	Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England
Father's Name:	Daniel Collett
Mother's Name:	Jane

Source Citation: Place: Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England; Collection: St. James'; Date Range: 1798 - 1875; Film Number: 1273923.

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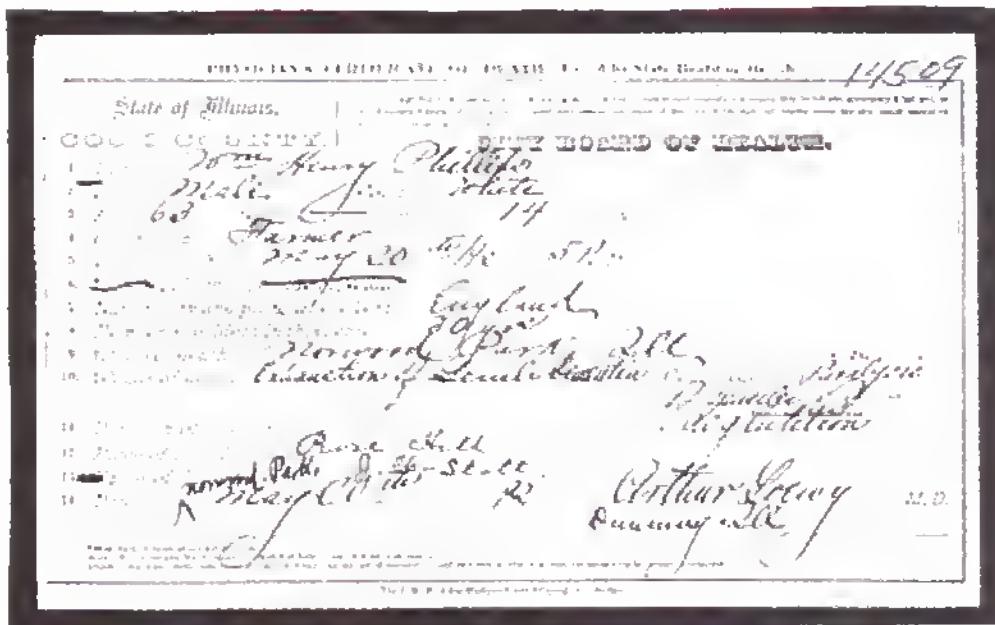
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WHERE WERE WILLIAM  
AND MARY ANN  
MARRIED?  
AND WHERE ARE THEY  
BURIED?

WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO MARY  
ANN AND  
WILLIAM  
AND WHERE  
WERE THEY  
BURIED?

**BITS AND PIECES**  
William Henry Sr and Mary Ann Phillips

**PHYSICIANS CERTIFICATE  
OF DEATH**



Although difficult to read, the cause of death for William Henry Phillips Sr. seems to be "Exhaustion of Senile Dementia" complicated by "Paralysis of muscles of deglutition".

Known siblings of William Henry Phillips Sr.

James Phillips abt 1791	Trowbridge ,Wiltshire, England
Sarah Sills Phillips abt 1795	Treswell, Nottinghamshire, England
<u>Children</u>	
John Phillips b. abt 1824	Trowbridge, Wiltshire,England
Mary Phillips b. abt. 1827	"
William Henry Phillips b. Aug 1 1827	"
Fanny Phillips b. abt 1832	"

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1. PLACE OF DEATH County of <u>Cook</u>		Employer Date, No. <u>6303</u>	STATE OF ILLINOIS ORIGINAL Department of Public Health—Office of Vital Statistics STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH Registered No. <u>480</u> (Registration No.)	
<u>Moorwood Park</u> Occupied <u>House</u> <u>Apartment</u> Street <u>Childley Road</u> <u>Residence</u> Number <u>101</u> <u>Block</u> <u>Bleeker</u> <small>Occupied by <u>Mary Ann Phillips</u> wife of <u>Frank Collett</u>, widow of <u>John Phillips</u>.            Death occurred in hospital or institution, give name of hospital or institution</small>				
2. FULL NAME <u>Mary Ann Phillips</u> as it appears on death record		11. DEATH OCCURRED IN HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION, GIVE NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION		
12. DATE OF BIRTH <u>February 14</u> <u>1827</u>		12. PLACE OF BIRTH <u>England</u> <u>1827</u>		
13. ADDRESS <u>101 Childley Road</u> <u>Moorwood Park</u> <u>Bleeker</u>		13. MEDIUM CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		
14. OCCUPATION, AS CHECKED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade, profession, or principal kind of work <input type="checkbox"/> General labor or industry, business, or establishment in which employed or employed		14. DATE OF DEATH <u>March 27, 1868</u>		
15. NAME OF EMPLOYER		15. MANNER CERTIFY THAT I attended deceased from <u>Dec 14, 1867, to Mar 26, 1868</u> that I saw her alive on <u>Mar 26, 1868</u> and that death occurred, as the date above, at <u>11 Childley Road</u> <u>Bleeker</u>		
16. RENTAL PLACE (city or town) <u>London</u> State of Origin <u>England</u>		16. CONTINUATION Where deceased resided, if not at place of death Was she supported by <u>Frank Collett</u> <u>late</u> <u>1868</u> What was cause of death? <u>Consumption</u> Is burial <u>London</u> <u>England</u> Address <u>Wm. &amp; J. Phillips, 101 Childley Rd., Bleeker</u> <u>1868</u> Date <u>Mar 27, 1868</u> <u>1868</u> <u>1868</u>		
17. NAME OF FATHER <u>William Collett</u> City or Town <u>Trowbridge</u> State or Country <u>England</u>		17. DEATH RECORDING STATE. All cases of death from residence, capability, or age of deceased must be referred to the registrar, see Section 11, Coroner's Act.		
18. NAME OF MOTHER <u>Jane Morgan</u> City or Town <u>Trowbridge</u> State or Country <u>England</u>		18. PLACE OF BURIAL <u>Childley Road</u> <u>Bleeker</u> <u>1868</u> County <u>Cook</u> <u>Illinois</u>		
19. INFORMANT <u>Frank Collett</u> Occupation <u>tailor</u> P. O. Box <u>Moorwood Park</u> <u>Illinois</u>		19. DATE <u>Mar 27, 1868</u>		
20. RELATION <u>Son</u> Name <u>James Timothy Collett</u> Age <u>18</u> <u>years</u> Sex <u>Male</u> Signature <u>James Timothy Collett</u> Registration <u>45198</u>		20. DEATH RECORDING STATE. All cases of death from residence, capability, or age of deceased must be referred to the registrar, see Section 11, Coroner's Act.		

## Death Certificate for Mary Ann Phillips

It seems that Mary Ann's son Frank didn't know who his mother's parents were, as he listed Mary Ann's father as William Collett.. English church records give the information listed below. Also note that Mary Ann died on Phillips Ave at Frank's farm house.

Daniel Collett b.1792 Saint James, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England  
 Jane Morgan b. 1794 Saint James, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England  
 Children

Elizabeth Collett bapt. Aug 27 1815  
 James Timothy Collett bapt. Feb 9 1817  
 \* Ephraim Collet bapt. May 30 1819  
 William Collett bapt. Dec 2 1821  
 Semerinus Collett bapt. June 6 1824  
 Mary Ann Collett bapt. Mar 11 1830

Daniel Collett and sons were tailors.

\*Ephraim Phillips found not guilty of rape at 18 yrs of age in 1837 England.

## Bits and Pieces

### William and Mary Ann Phillips

Copied from History of Cook County, Illinois,  
A. T. Andreas, publisher, 1884.

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#### Family tradition says that:

Upon arriving in the United States William and Mary Ann lived in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where William tried his hand at coal mining for eight months. He was to have declared it to be a bad occupation, and not to have liked it at all.

Upon their arrival in the United States William and Mary Ann were given farm land in Minnesota by the government, for settling there. They were said to have found the winters much too harsh, and therefore decided to move to the Chicago area...

There is family talk of William Henry having been partially crippled when an anchor was accidentally dropped on his leg while he was working as a deep sea diver.



**WILLIAM HENRY PHILLIPS SR.**  
**OF**  
**TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND**  
**AND HIS DESCENDANTS**

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 Buried Roschill Cemetery, Chicago

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2. William Henry Phillips, Jr. b. Dec. 13, 1858 Chicago d. July 3, 1939 Chicago
3. James Ephraim Phillips b. Jan. 16, 1861 Chicago d. Apr. 7, 1948 Chicago
4. Francis John Phillips b. Jan. 6, 1863 Chicago d. June 24, 1957 Chicago
5. Walter Daniel Phillips b. Feb. 1, 1866 Chicago d. Apr. 10, 1961 Chicago
- \* "Birdie" Baby daughter b. Mar. 12, 1868 d. Mar. 12, 1868
- \* Elizabeth M. Collett (adopted daughter) see (3) James Ephraim Phillips

(2) **WILLIAM Henry, Phillips Jr.** m. Elizabeth Read Harris Oct. 16, 1887 b. Dec 2 1859 d. Mar 11 1942 Chicago, Cook, IL.

Children

- \* Myrtle H. Phillips b. May, 1890 d. May 17, 1974 Chicago
- 7. Irving William Phillips b. July 9, 1891 d. Sept 1965 Plainfield WI.

FOR FURTHER DESCENDANTS SEE WILLIAM HENRY, JR BRANCH

(3) **JAMES Ephraim Phillips** m. Elizabeth M. Collett m. Oct. 9, 1884 b. Aug. 10, 1861 d. Sept 13 1911

Children

8. Anna Marie Phillips b. Aug. 4 1885 d. May 19, 1963 Chicago
- \* Infant b. and d. Feb. 28, 1887 11 hours old
9. James Hefren Phillips b. May 16, 1888 d. Feb. 04 1975  
 Union Ridge Cemetery Chicago IL.
- \* Infant William – d. April 19, 1890 8 months old
- \* Infant Viola – d. Jan. 27, 1892 8 months old
10. Rose Phillips b. Jan 14 1894 d. 1996 Chicago
11. Frank C Phillips b. Feb. 26 1900 d. Oct. 1, 1912
- \* William Phillips b. 1904 d. sometime after 1920

FOR FURTHER DESCENDANTS SEE JAMES EPHRAIM BRANCH

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(4) **FRANCIS John Phillips** m. Effie B. Shaw May 21, 1890 b. Sept. 4, 1866, d. Oct. 16 1900 Norwood Park, IL Buried Union Ridge Cemetery  
m. Edith Rowlett April 6, 1916 b Jan 1 1886 d. Oct 19 1971 Maywood IL.  
NO DESCENDANTS

(5) **WALTER Daniel Phillips** m. Florence Moody May 6, 1889 b. Jan. 4, 1870 d. July 5 1892 Chicago Cook IL  
m. Pauline Rose Deachie/ Deaich/ Deache Apr. 12, 1893 b. Feb. 7, 1877, Wuerttemberg, Germany. D. Mar 14 1963 Chicago IL.  
Children by 1st wife-Florence  
12. Fred Martin Phillips b. June 14, 1890 Chicago d. Feb. 19, 1964 Florida  
Children by 2nd wife-Pauline  
13. Jeanette Viola Phillips b. Sept. 24, 1893 Chicago d. Aug. 28, 1980 Chicago  
14. Walter Daniel Phillips Jr. b. July 26, 1895 Chicago d. Oct. 28, 1969 Des Plaines  
15. Marian \_\_\_\_\_ Phillips b. Aug. 7, 1898 Chicago d. Sept. 14, 1990 Cook County, IL  
16. Chester Martin Phillips b. 12, 1905 Chicago d.Oct. 21 1977 Chicago  
17. Robert Herbert Phillips b. July 18, 1910 Chicago d. July 25, 2003 Burlington,  
Racine, WI  
18. Hazel Henrietta Phillips b. July 18, 1910 Chicago d. Dec. 2, 2005 Arlington  
Heights, IL

FOR FURTHER DESCENDANTS SEE WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS BRANCH

## (2) WILLIAM HENRY PHILLIPS, JR

First son of (1) William Henry, Sr. and Mary Ann Phillips

Sex: Male  
 Birth: December 13, 1858 – Lakeview, IL  
 Death: July 3, 1939 – Chicago  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago  
 Father: William Henry Phillips, Sr.  
 Mother: Mary Ann (Collett) Phillips  
 Married: Elizabeth Reed Harris on October 16, 1887  
 Birth: July 1860 – Leyden Township, IL  
 Death: March 11, 1942 – Chicago  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago  
 Father: Frederick Harris  
 Mother: Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children: 6. Myrtle H. b. May, 1890  
              7. Irving William b. July 9, 1891

Family tradition has it that William Henry Sr. and Mary Ann Phillips settled in the coal country of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania upon coming to America. It also says that William and Mary Ann farmed Minnesota land given to them by the government for immigrating there. Finding the winter too harsh, they went south to Illinois settling in the Lakeview area of Chicago. From what we have been able to learn, it was there, in the caretaker's cottage of Graceland Hebrew Cemetery where William Henry, Jr. was born in 1858. The Phillips' stayed there having 3 more sons until 1873, when William, Sr. moved them to the newly formed Norwood Park area at what is today Lawrence and Ozanam Avenues in Norridge, IL. William Henry, Jr. then 13 years old worked the family farm, but by 1880 had struck out on his own.

Before leaving the family farm, William apparently met his future wife, Elizabeth Reed Harris, while attending the area's school.

William managed to buy a home at Irving Park Road and a wagon track, later known as Narragansett Avenue, in the Dunning area. From there he worked as a horseshoer and blacksmith, also repairing wagons. The bumpy wagon track road must have been good for business for soon William owned his home free and clear.



In 1887, William married Elizabeth and soon after they had their two children, Myrtle and Irving. Some time afterwards, probably around 1907, the year his brother Walter Daniel moved to Rutherford and Higgins in Norwood Park, William relocated his family to the northwest corner of Higgins and Harlem Avenue, just a quarter mile west of his brother's farm.



William and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Phillips  
Circa 1887

There, probably on land purchased from Elizabeth's family (the Harris' were said to have owned a large track of land west of Harlem Ave.) William ran his blacksmith and wagon repair business. With the growing popularity of the automobile, William and his son Irving added gasoline and auto repair to their services and worked together until William's retirement in the mid 1920's.

William's son, Irving, soon married and built his home on the same land raising his family next door to his parents.

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Shortly after celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, William and Elizabeth passed away, him in 1939 and his widow in 1942.

**Wm. H. Phillips 1937  
Celebrate Golden  
Wedding**

On Tuesday, October 26, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Phillips, 7226 Higgins Road, celebrated their golden Wedding Anniversary. Open house was held from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 10:00 p. m. About 170 guest took part in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and commemorating their fifty years of married life.

Mr. Roy McLane Jr. played his guitar for the entertainment of the guests in the afternoon. A buffet supper was served the guests on a table bedecked with candles, flowers, and gold decorations on a lace cloth; there were two wedding cakes of three tiers each, exactly alike, one for the afternoon guests and one for the evening. In the evening Mr. A. Schoumacher sang several numbers, accompanied by his wife at the piano.

Mrs. Phillips was a charming hostess in her blue velvet dress and a corsage of tailsman roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who are 78 and 77 years respectfully, have two children; a son Irving, and a daughter Myrtle, who lives with them. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Phillips have four grandchildren, which, of course, gives Mr. and Mrs. Williams Phillips four grandchildren.

The Phillips family has lived in their home on Higgins Road for thirty-four years, having lived in Irving Park beforehand, where Mr. Phillips operated a blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Phillips is the former Elizabeth Harris of Norwood Township, and Mr. Phillips was born in Lake View. They met when they were attending school in Norwood Township, where the Phillips family settled after moving from Lake View.

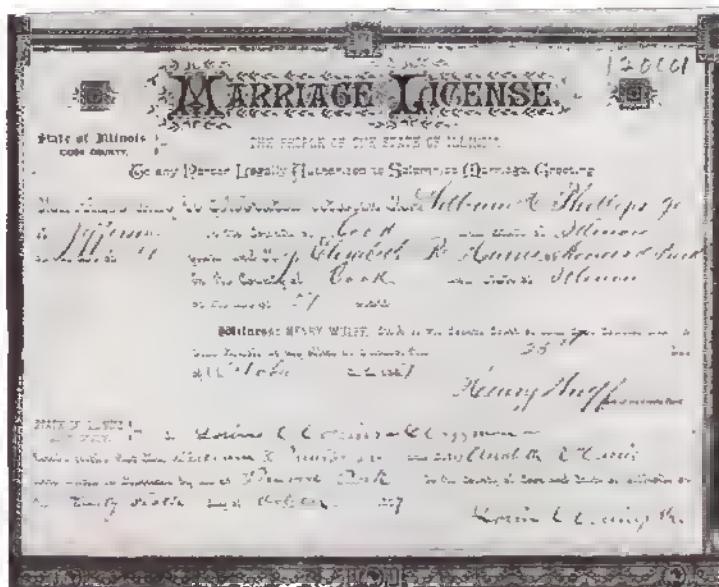
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**CELEBRATE FIFTIETH WEDDINGS**



Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Phillips, 7226 Higgins road.  
[By a staff photographer.]



Irving William inherited his fathers land, including the original William and Mary Ann Phillips farm on Lawrence Avenue. Eventually He sold the farm and family land, gas station included, and moved his family to farm land in central Wisconsin. Today large numbers of his descendants can be found in the Plainfield Wisconsin area.

The property once owned by William Henry Phillips Jr. on the northwest corner of Higgins and Harlem Avenues is now part of the John F. Kennedy Expressway.



Elizabeth Reed Harris Phillips

Bits and Pieces  
William Henry Phillips Jr. and Elizabeth Reed Harris

**BITS AND PIECES**  
**William Henry Phillips Jr. and Elizabeth Reed Harris**

**DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR**  
**William Henry Phillips Jr.**

V. S. 4 1945 Revision 6415-DM-BIA		STATE OF ILLINOIS HENRY MORNER, Governor Department of Public Health - Division of Vital Statistics	
CITY OF DEATH: Chicago County: Cook State: Illinois City or Village: Chicago		DEATH CERTIFICATE 10-143 1948 36-1000-0	
NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DEATH OCCURRED: 7226 Higgins Rd., Chicago, Illinois		PLACE OF RESIDENCE WHEN DEATH OCCURRED: 7226 Higgins Rd., Chicago, Illinois	
WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS			
PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL PARTICULARS			
1. SEX & COLOR OF HAIR: Male White		2. MATE: Elizabeth H.	
3. MARRIED, DIVORCED, OR SEPARATED: Married		4. DATE OF BIRTH: December 13, 1858	
5. AGE: 80		6. MONTH: June	
7. OCCUPATION: Retired		8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PURSUIT: Blacksmith	
9. DISEASES AND DEFECTS: None		10. TOTAL TIME (years) IN U.S.: 59	
11. BIRTHPLACE (City or town): Chicago, Illinois		12. MATE'S NAME: William H. Phillips	
13. PARENTS: UNKNOWN		14. BIRTHPLACE (City or town): England	
15. MOTHER'S NAME: Mary Ann Collett		16. BIRTHPLACE (City or town): Unknown	
17. FATHER'S NAME: Phillips		18. PLACE OF BIRTH: 7226 Higgins Road	
19. PLACE OF RESIDENCE: Roschill, Chicago		20. DATE: July 6, 1948	
21. MARRIED TO: Cook		22. CHILDREN: Illinois	
23. SPOUSE'S NAME: M. J. & J. A. Worth		24. DEATH OCCURRED ON: 6754 Northwest Highway	
MATERIAL EVIDENCE OF DEATH			
25. DATE OF DEATH (Month, Day, Year): July 3, 1948			
26. MANNER CERTIFY THAT I BELIEVE DEATH OCCURRED: 28 m. 9 a. m. July 3, 1948			
I am not a doctor, physician, or surgeon, but I hold in my possession the death record of this deceased person. The physician or medical man of record and medical name of importance above is followed by his signature.			
CERTIFICATE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR			
F. Myrtle Phillips			
Other accompanying names of deceased:			
27. WAS AN OPERATION PERFORMED: Yes on July 6, 1948			
28. FOR WHAT DISEASE OR HABIT: Consumption of alcohol			
Was there an infection? No			
What last medical diagnosis: Pathological exam. of tissue			
29. WAS A HOSPITALIZING SURGEON NAMED: Dr. T. J. Thompson			
30. WAS DECEASED IN ANY WAY RELATED TO INSTITUTION OF: No			
31. DEATH SIGNATURE: Dr. T. J. Thompson, M.D.			
32. ATTACHED: S. Smith, Coroner, 1948			
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## DESCENDENTS OF WILLIAM HENRY PHILLIPS, JR. Branch

(2) William Henry Phillips, Jr. b. Dec. 13, 1858 Lakeview, IL d. July 3, 1939 PG. 1

m.. Elizabeth Read Harris Oct. 16, 1887 b. Dec. 2, 1859 d. March 11, 1942  
Children

- \*. Myrtle H. Phillips b. June 21, 1889 d. May 17, 1974
- 7. Irving William Phillips b. July 9, 1891 d. Sept 1965

(7). Irving William Phillips Sr. m. Zaida May Corwin \_\_\_\_\_ b. Oct. 16. 1901 d. Aug 6 1997

Children

- 8. William Irving Phillips, Jr. b. March 28, 1923
- 9. Raymond Gordon Phillips b. Nov. 4, 1924 d. Oct 13 1966/1996?
- 10. Roger Corwin Phillips b. Sept. 2, 1926 d. Sept 2 2006 Plainfield WI.
- 11. Eugene Herald Phillips b. 1934
- 12. Burton Frederick Phillips b. April 2, 1938 d. Aug 22 2009 Plainfield WI.

(8) William Irving Phillips, Jr. m. Arzola Chitman on July 29 1942 b. 1925  
d. \_\_\_\_\_

Children

- 13. Sharon Ann Phillips b. 1943
- 14. William Irving Phillips III b. 1947
- 15. David Lawrence Phillips b. 1948
- 16. Raymond Ronald Phillips b. 1950
- 17. Lynn Marlene Phillips b. 1954
- 18. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ Phillips b. \_\_\_\_\_

(9) Raymond Gordon Phillips m. Darlene Marie Buny July 7 1951 b. Feb 8 1929 d. July 21 1985

Children

- 19. Susan Marie Phillips b. 1954
- 20. Michael John Phillips b. 1956
- 21. Nancy Ann Phillips b. 1962

(10) Roger Corwin Phillips m. Eleanor Mae Czlapinski on Oct 10 1953  
b. 1934 d. \_\_\_\_\_

Children

- 22. Roger Wayne Phillips b. 1955
- 23.. Trina Kay Phillips b. 1957
- 24. Gary Allen Phillips b. 1959
- 25. Lu Anne Phillips b. 1962
- 26. Tresa Leona Phillips b. 1964
- 27. Carl Ray Phillips b. 1972

(11) Eugene Herald Phillips m. Betty Jo Baker Feb 1 1954 b. Aug 20 1935 d .Dec 31 2005

Children

- 28. Rickey Eugene Phillips b. 1955
- 29. Randy Lee Phillips b. 1957
- 30. Ronald Joe Phillips b. 1959
- 31. Russell Allen Phillips b. 1962

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(12) Burton Frederick Phillips m. Sharon Powell on Jan 6 1962 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

32. Brenda Kay Phillips b. 1962  
33. Brian Irving Phillips b. 1965  
34. Barbara Ann Phillips b. 1971  
35. Bobby Jo Phillips b. 1978  
36. Bradley Allen Phillips b. 1980

(13) Sharon Ann Phillips m. Robert Johnson  
Children

(16) Raymond Ronald Phillips m. Debra \_\_\_\_\_ on June 21 1990. b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

37. Lori \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling b. 1972  
38. Deana \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling b. 1974 Twin  
39. Denise \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling b. 1974 Twin  
40. Jessica \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling b. \_\_\_\_\_

(18) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ Phillips m. Mark Peterson on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

(19) Susan Marie Phillips m. Robert Kiser Aug 27 1988  
Children

41. Sara \_\_\_\_\_ Kiser b. Sept 5 1987 d. Sept 5 1987  
42. Randy \_\_\_\_\_ Kiser b. 1990  
43. Bradley \_\_\_\_\_ Kiser b. 1992

(20) Michael John Phillips m. Cheryl Ann Gendusa Sep 11 1976 b. 1958  
Children

44. Michael John Phillips Jr b. 1979  
45. Raymond Gordon Phillips b. 1977

(21) Nancy Ann Phillips m. Harold Edwin Skinner July 76 1984 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. Greg Olson on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_

Children  
46. Jonathon Robert Skinner b. 1986  
47. Tracy Ann Skinner b. 1988

(22) Roger Wayne Phillips m. Marilyn Mary Hilger on June 2 1978  
Children

48. Richard Wayne Phillips b. 1980  
49. David Thomas Phillips b. 1982  
50. Kevin Allen Phillips b. 1986

(23) Trina Kay Phillips m. Donald James Wilson Jan 19 1973 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Trina Kay is the Family Historian

Children

**51.** Dawn Marie Wilson b. 1973  
**52.** Kathy Jo Wilson b. 1974  
**53.** Jonathon James Wilson b. 1982

(24) Gary Allen Phillips m. Marsha Marie Hadden Dec 3 1983 b. 1956  
 Children

**54.** Leah Mae Phillips b. 1987  
**55.** Spencer Allen Phillips b. 1992  
 Children from Marsha Marie Hadden previous marriage  
 (A) Michele Louise Keenlance m. Brandon Brown Apr 16 2000  
 Children  
 1. Myka Ann Brown b. 1999  
 2. Jaydon Howard Brown b. 2000

(B) Kelly Marie Keenlance, b. Jan 18 1979 m. Nick Bucher on Sept 4 2000

(25) Lu Anne Phillips m. Alvin Cloyd Wilson May 21 2005 b. 1943  
 Children

**56.** Gracie May Wilson b. 2002

(26) Tresa Leona Phillips m. Michael Lee Ludtke Aug 6 1982 b. 1954  
 Children

**57.** Karla Mae Ludtke b. 1985  
**58.** Corey Lee Ludtke b. 1986

(27) Carl Ray Phillips m Jenny Lee Wiza Apr 4 1994 b. 1976  
 Children

**59.** Kayla Mae Phillips b. 1996

(28) Rickey Eugene Phillips m. Alice Schilling Nov 26 1977 b. 1958  
 Children

**60.** Andrea Lynn Phillips b. 1978  
**61.** Shane George Phillips b. 1980  
**62.** Adam Richard Phillips b. 1985

(29) Randy Lee Phillips m Julia Turner Aug 25 1979 b. 1960  
 Children

**63.** Branden Lee Phillips b. 1984

(30) Ronald Joe Phillips m. Lori J Sikorski Oct 30 1982 b. May 20 1961  
 Children

**64.** Kendra Jo Phillips b. 1988  
**65.** Kacie Jo Phillips b. 1991

(31) Russell Allen Phillips m. Louise Elliot –divorced 2005

(32) Brenda Kay Phillips m. Kenny Black on June 3 1989 b. abt 1962-4 d. June 26 1999  
 Children

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66. Kenneth James Black b. 1991  
67. Kristen Kay Black b. 1995  
68. Kyle Lee Black h. 1995

(33) Brian Irving Phillips m Maxine McIntee Oct 5 1984 b. \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced 2006  
m. Marcene Goes Jan 12 2008 b. 1965

Children

69. Cody Allen Phillips b. 1987  
70. Shanna Marie Phillips b. 1988  
71. Brittany Jean Phillips b. 1989

(35) Bobbi Jo Phillips m. Roger Kuhn on \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

72. Brianna Jade Kuhn b.

(36) Bradley Allen Phillips m Janielle Gross Sept 18 200\_\_\_\_\_  
Children

73. Angela Marie b. 200\_\_\_\_\_  
74. Aaron Bradley Phillips b. 2004

(37) Lori \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling m. Daniel Ayers on \_\_\_\_\_

(38) Deanna \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling m. Michael White on \_\_\_\_\_

(39) Denise \_\_\_\_\_ Eastling m. Edward Mitchell on \_\_\_\_\_

(44) Michael John Phillips Jr. m. Sarah Berry May 22 2004

Children

75. Ayden Michael Phillips b. 2006

(45) Raymond Gordon Phillips m. Nicole Demmarth on Oct 12 2002

(48) Richard Wayne Phillips m. Jennifer \_\_\_\_\_ Aug 18 2007  
Children

76. Caiden James Phillips b. 2008

(49) David Thomas Phillips \_\_\_\_\_ Kim La Monte  
Children

77. Emmrie Marlyn Marie Phillips b. 2009

(51) Dawn Marie Wilson m. Daniel Paul Kemnetz May 11 1996  
Children

78. Elizabeth Marie Kemnetz b. 1997

(52) Kathy Jo Wilson m. Jerry Frank Knutson Aug 13 1994 b. Mar 14 1965  
Children

80. Chase Robert Knutson b. 1995  
81. Lindsay Lee Knutson b. 1997  
82. Dawson James Knutson b. 2000  
83. Preston Blake Knutson b. 2003

(57) Karla Mae Ludtke m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

84. Shelby Lynn \_\_\_\_\_ b. 2007

(60) Andrea Lynn Phillips m Jason J Cleland May 5 2003  
Children

85. Rilynn O. Cleland b. 2009

(61) Shane George Phillips m Abbigail Will b. 2007

(62) Adam Richard Phillips m \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

86. Kaylae E Allison 2003

(63) Branden Lee Phillips m Melissa Marco May 17 2008 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

87. Parker Lee Phillips 2008

(71) Brittany Jean Phillips m. Zachary Johnson June 22 2007  
Children

88. Jaydon Zachary Johnson b. \_\_\_\_\_  
89. Kaitlin \_\_\_\_\_ Johnson b. \_\_\_\_\_



### (3) JAMES EPHRAIM PHILLIPS

Second son of (1) William Henry, Sr. and Mary Ann Pbillips

Sex: Male  
Birth: Jan 16 1861  
Death: Apr 7 1948  
Buried: Rosehill Cemetery-Chicago  
Father: William Henry Phillips Sr.  
Mother: Mary Ann (Collett) Phillips  
Married: Elizabeth M. Collett on Oct 9 1884  
Birth: Aug 10 1859-1861  
Death: Sept 13 1911  
Buried: Rosehill Cemetery-Chicago  
Father: William Collett  
Mother: Ann

Children: 8. Anna Maria Phillips b. Aug 4 1885  
\* Infant b. and d. Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 1887  
9. James Hefren Phillips b. May 16 1888 d. Feb 04 1975  
\* Infant William H. Phillips b. Aug 14 1889 d. Apr 19 1890  
\* Infant Viola Phillips b. May 1891 d. Jan 27 1892  
10. Rose Mary Phillips b. Jan 14 1894 d. Jan 21 1996  
11. Frank C. Phillips b. Feb 1900 d. Oct 1 1913  
12. William A. Phillips b. 1904 d. \_\_\_\_\_



James Ephraim Phillips and Elizabeth M. Collett were married on October 9 1884. James' younger brother Frank J. and his mother Mary Ann were witnesses. It most likely took the better part of two hours to make the journey down the bumpy roads to the county building in downtown Chicago, from the William Henry Phillips farm at Phillips and Lawrence Avenues, in Norwood Park. They probably would have used the family's one horse, four seated, carriage, a modest vehicle with a protective cloth top. As genealogy records often are conflicting, we can only assume that Elizabeth was Mary Ann's niece, James' cousin, but no doubt they were related.

Elizabeth M. Collett was born in Trowbridge, Wiltshire, England in 1859, and had lived and worked with her family until just shy of her 22<sup>nd</sup> year. The April, 1881 English Census shows Elizabeth, a cloth worker and her mother, a wool sorter, working with her father and younger brother, both tailors. Later that year she would leave England.

Elizabeth claimed to have immigrated to America in 1881\*, and in the "History of Cook County" ( A.T. Andreas, publisher 1884), she is mentioned as the adopted daughter of William and Mary Ann Phillips, of Norwood Park. There she met James, lived in the same house, and ate at the same table, and took a liking to her future husband.

James Phillips was born in the Caretakers Cottage on the grounds of the Graeeland Hebrew cemetery in Lakeview, Illinois, in 1860. His middle name was given to him in honor of his uncle, Ephraim Collett, Mary Ann's older brother in England. His early years were much the same as those of his three brothers. They lived on the cemetery grounds, learning their father's trade as florist and caretaker, while attending an area school. Then in 1873, when the family started farming in Norwood Park they would work as farm hands, when not attending the "Annex" school, located just south on Phillips Avenue.

James and Elizabeth left the Phillips farm and headed east for a life in a bordering suburb of Chicago. At the time the area surrounding Rosehill Cemetery was referred to as Ravenswood, or Bowmanville, or Rosehill, Boundaries often intertwined, but the attending physician wrote Rosehill, when reporting the birth of the Phillips' first child, Anna Maria, in August of 1885. After the loss of a newborn in 1887, Elizabeth delivered a son, her husband's namesake, in May of 1888.

Tradition, passed down through multiple family members, says that James was employed as a caretaker by Rosehill Cemetery. It seems that they did have some kind of working relationship. It is likely that, given the size of the Phillips plot at that cemetery, James may have used his influence to obtain a discount for his mother. Also as early as 1888 James and Elizabeth are living in a home that they owned at 99 W. Carmen Avenue (today 2518 W.). With a growing family and a large home, James must have been doing well for himself, and in the 1900 Chicago directory, he and his brother Walter, living only blocks apart, are both listed as independent teamsters. The fact that decades later, James Hefren Phillips, lists Rosehill cemetery as his employer, further points to his father having some business association with Rosehill. \*\*

#### .Living on Carmen Avenue.

The first decade of the 1900's, found James and Elizabeth completing and raising their family while living on Carmen Avenue. Their 26 years of marriage however, hadn't been without sadness:

#### Children of James and Elizabeth Phillips

Anna Maria Phillips b. Aug 04 1885  
Infant Phillips b. and d. Feb 28 1887 11 hours old  
James Hefren Phillips b. May 16 1888 d. Feb 4 1975 Chicago Illinois  
Infant William H. Phillips b. Aug 14 1889 d. Apr 19 1890 8 months old  
Infant Viola Phillips b. Jan 27 1892 d. 8 months old  
Rose Mary Phillips b. Jan 18 1894  
Frank C. Phillips b. Feb 26 1900 d Oct 1 1913-fall from bicycle  
William A. Phillips b. abt 1904

\*\* James Hefren Phillips' WW II Draft Registration Form

(3)



James Ephraim Phillips  
Circa 1880's

(3)



Elizabeth Collett Phillips  
Circa 1880's

Besides the pain of losing four children at an early age, James also lost Elizabeth in 1911 at age 52. She had spent the last 10 years of her life suffering from heart disease. \*\*\*

The Phillips home at 2518 W. Carmen stood on the east end of a parcel that contained several vacant lots, perhaps over an acre of ground in all. Family tradition states that James helped his oldest daughter Anna Maria and her husband Charles P. Mathis (from adjacent Winona Street), build a two story brick building at the far west end of his land. From there, Anna would help care for Rose in years to come, and it was there, at 2530 W. Carmen Avenue, the largest group of James and Elizabeth's descendants took root.

#### Traditions and Tragedy

(21) Dolores Mathis/ Muir remembers her grandfather (3) James Ephraim living down the street from them at 2518 Carmen Avenue. "He had the house right off the alley with a big red barn in the back, and an empty lot next to the house. Dolores and her mother, (8) Anna Maria, usually went there everyday to help clean and assist in taking care of 10 Rosie. She lived with James because she had Infantile Paralysis".

(28) Ronald J. Mathis relates: " We were always told the story of how the work horse would come up and look into the dining room window at the house at 2530 Carmen. I don't remember anyone saying where the horse came from or why they were around."

*Can't you just picture the horse, knowing where he might get a treat,  
sticking his head in the Mathis' dining room window?*

(36) Sharon Muir Berott remembers being scolded on the back porch at 2530 W. Carmen "Here is one of the stories that none of us can really confirm. Grandma Anna Maria used to yell at us whenever we went on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor porch and leaned against the railing. We were told that one of the boys (about 5-7 years of age) leaned on it and fell to his death. Then another, was that one boy was killed riding his bike by a car."

We haven't found any information on a boy falling to his death from the second floor, but the building was two flat and it might have been a member of a renting family. Perhaps Grandma Mathis expanded the facts when cautioning her grand children. Two years after James lost Elizabeth, a tragedy occurred when his son Frank C. Phillips died, falling from a bicycle. Perhaps a car was involved, his death certificate doesn't say. By 1930 the 2500 block of west Carmen looked very much as it does today. Most of the vacant lots had been built upon, many of the brick buildings, by a man named Kraft, who most likely built the Phillips and Mathis' homes. James Ephraim had retired, closing down his teaming business, and his son James Hefren, had moved his family to Bosworth Street, and began working at Rosehill Cemetery. His younger son William A, and his family were renting from Anna Maria and her husband at the 2530 address. That left James and Rose living alone. There they remained, until James Ephraim died on April 7 1948.

\*\*\* Elizabeth M. Phillips Death Certificate

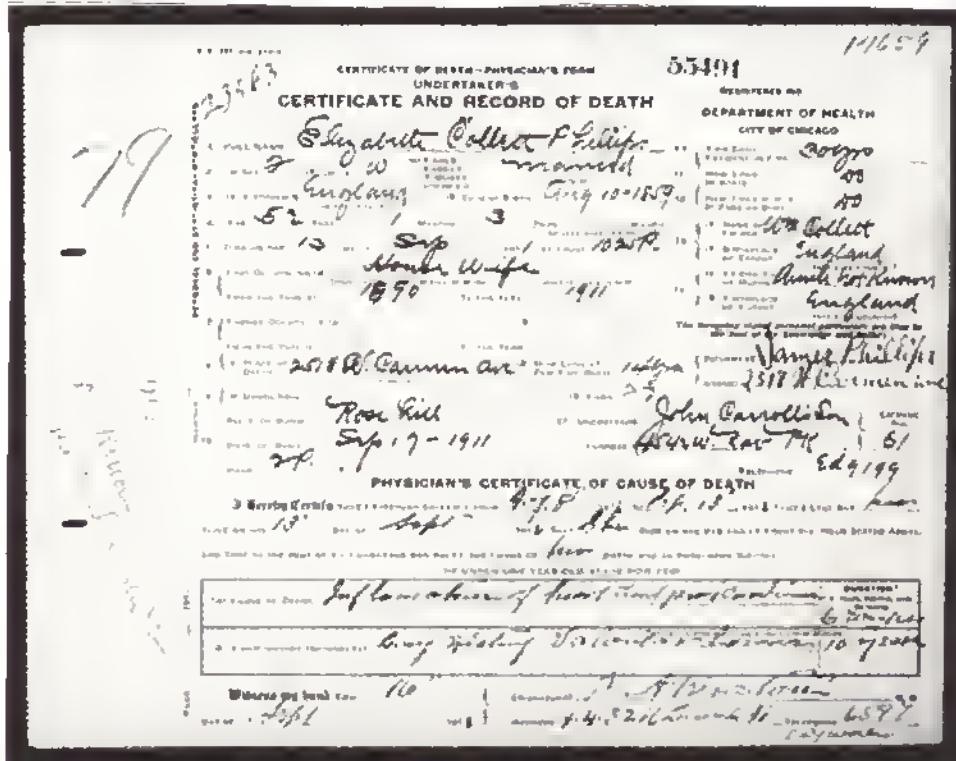
## BITS AND PIECES

There is some doubt as to the actual year that Elizabeth M. Collett was born, as different family members cite 1859 through 1861. Here is what we have found.

The 1861 English Census shows Elizabeth to be 20 months old. As the English Census was usually taken in May through July, the birth year of 1859 would seem to fit in perfectly. The same applies to the 1871 Census where Elizabeth is shown to be 12 yrs old, and the 1881 census where at 22 yrs old she is just weeks away from immigrating to America.

In their Marriage License dated Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1884, both James Ephraim and Elizabeth are listed as being 24 yrs old. James, being born in January of 1861 would have been just two months shy of 24, while the England Census' would have Elizabeth just past her 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. Perhaps embarrassed at marrying an "older Woman" James settled at the middle ground of 24 yrs old, when giving the information to the registrar.

The 1900 and 1910 American census seem to support the birth year of 1859, but not entirely for some of the recorder' handwriting is very difficult to decipher



The last legal document we have regarding Elizabeth's age, and the only one that has the actual year clearly written, is her Death Certificate, with James Ephraim listed as informant. Her birth year is listed 1859.



Anna Maria Phillips married Charles P. Mathis  
On November 24<sup>th</sup> 1909 in Crown Point, Indiana

## Rose Mary Phillips

Next to James Ephraim's grave at Rosehill Cemetery, is an unfinished marker for his daughter Rose. The grave itself is empty, and, at first presented a mystery, why? At the time of Rose's death in 1996, county health officials had deemed the plot to be too narrow for a burial. In the confusion that occurred, another site had to be quickly found. As a result, many family members did not know of her actual resting place.



Rose Phillips was born on January 14, 1894, at her parent's home on Carmen Avenue in Bowmanville. Much of her life story is conjecture on our part, but some facts have been obtained.

Sometime after 1940 Rose was stricken with Infantile Paralysis (better known as Polio), and lost the ability to walk. At that time Rose was in her 40's, still living at home, and unmarried. James Ephraim Phillips was in his 80's, and depended on his family to care for Rose. His daughter, Anna Maria Mathis and her family would see to Rose on a daily basis, and his son James Hefren had promised him that his daughters, Lorraine and Mildred, would see to her welfare after James had passed, which occurred in 1948. Although Polio sometimes reoccurs in adults who were inflicted as children, it is far more severe for those stricken as adults. We can make a fair assumption that Rose developed her disease for the very first time in her adult years.

When Elizabeth Phillips passed away in 1911, her daughter was only 17. Living with her father and younger brother William, Rose likely took over the household chores, for the 1920 census indeed shows her at home and not working. In 1930, after William had married and moved on, Rose is listed as working in manufacturing, at an asbestos plant. By 1940, still helping to support her elderly father, Rose had changed jobs and was book keeping for a local bakery at Foster and Lincoln avenues, not far from the family home.

After her father's death, Rose resided at the Bethany Retirement home on Ashland Avenue in Chicago until in her 90's the home closed. Many family members don't know what happened to her after that, but Rose lived to the ripe old age of 102, dying on January 21, 1996. With some asking around we were able to locate her final resting place.

Rose Mary Phillips was buried at the Acacia Park Cemetery, in Chicago, Illinois, on land that was once farmed by her Grandfather William Henry Phillips Sr.



## TRACKING DOWN THE PHILLIPS SURNAME

James Ephraim and Elizabeth Collett Phillips had four children who lived to adulthood, two of which were sons, James Hefren and William A. Phillips.

James Hefren Phillips was born on May 16<sup>th</sup> 1888 in his parent's home at 99 West Carmen Avenue, in Bowmanville, (today 2518 W. Carmen Ave, Chicago, IL.) Census records show that he lived at home throughout his youth, working for his father in James Ephraim's teaming business. 1917 and 1942 draft registrations describe him as being of medium height (5'4-1/2") and medium build, with hazel/blue eyes.



James married Rose Roszkowski on September 15, 1920  
(Circa 1921)

Rose was the daughter of German immigrants of Polish descent, her parents meeting and marrying in America. Her father Anthony Roszkowski worked as a glass cutter for Rosehill Cemetery and her Mother Rose stayed at home raising both her and her older brother Anthony Jr. When James Hefren became family, he and his bride began renting space in his in-law's home at 2702 N. Bosworth, Chicago. About that same time he began working as a laborer at Rosehill Cemetery. By 1930 he and Rose have had their three Children, Lorraine, Mildred, and James A. Phillips, (b.1924.)

Lorraine and Mildred eventually married and had children, but James A. Phillips died in 1976, without issue.

## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT WILLIAM A.

Records indicate that James Ephraim and Elizabeth Phillips had two sons named William, the first being born on Aug 14 1889 and dying just 8 months later on April 19 1890. This child was buried at Rosehill Cemetery. Information about their second son, William and his descendants is sometimes confusing, but here is what we've learned.

William A. Phillips, born 1889 to 1904.

The 1910 census shows William at age 6, living with his parents.  
 The 1920 census shows William at age 16 still living at his father's house  
 Both suggest William A. was born in 1904.

Shortly after 1920 William A. began renting an apartment in his sister, Anna Maria's house at 2530 W. Carmen Avenue. He is shown living there and working as a machinist in the 1923 Chicago city directory. In the 1930 census William is found at the same address living with a wife, Anna (Nee Boers), and their two children, William G. aged 7 and Jeanette C., aged 3 ½ years. The information given, strongly suggests that William A. Phillips was most likely born in 1889.

Perhaps Rosehill Cemetery had their records confused, but what we know for certain is William A. and Anna Boers Phillips had a son William G. Phillips born on Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1922, at 2530 West Carmen Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

## WHAT HAPPENED TO WILLIAM G.?

For a while, we were at a loss trying to find information on James Ephraim's grandson, William G. Phillips. William's birth certificate gave us his definite date of birth, and the 2530 Carmen address, proving he was the William we were looking for. Then we found his death certificate information. Our William had somehow migrated to California, perhaps due to service in World War II, we don't know, but there in Canoga Park outside of Los Angeles, William G. died on May 17, 2002.

We searched further and found pre-2002 phone directory information showing William living with Estela C. Phillips, his wife, and the following people.

Mark Phillips  
 Kristen Phillips  
 Cristina Phillips  
 Jimmie Phillips  
 Michelle Phillips  
 De Phillips

Nevada Marriage records show William G. Phillips and Estela C. Etolle being married on Dec 23 1984. It's assumed that whatever relation the above names have with William G., it was a result of a previous marriage. In any event, it seems the Phillips surname has gone west.

Today the James Ephraim and Elizabeth Phillips home is used as a three flat apartment building. Just up the quiet tree lined street is the Charles and Anna Mathis home. That house is still owned by Mathis family members. A few of James and Elizabeth's descendants have relocated to different parts of the country, but most still live in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs.



It was a beautiful fall day when this picture of James Ephraim's house was taken. Before being annexed into Chicago in 1909, the 2518 W Carmen address was actually 99 W Carmen, Bowmanville. This strong brick building, now over 120 years old looked in excellent condition. As I walked to the rear of the property I noticed the fairly large brick building of the same age. Now a garage, it had once been used as a teamster's stable. To my surprise, above the stable's small entry door, hung a good luck horseshoe. In the middle of a crowded city the horse shoe seemed out of place. No doubt the property's owner found it somewhere in the dust and felt obliged to nail it up. Knowing the secret of its origin, I had to laugh.



## DESCENDANTS OF JAMES EPHRAIM PHILLIPS

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(3) JAMES Ephraim Phillips m. Elizabeth M. Collett on Oct. 9, 1884 b. Aug 10, 1859-61  
d. Sept. 13, 1911

Children

8. Anna Maria Phillips b. Aug 01 1885 d. May 19, 1963 Chicago. Rosehill Cemetery
- \* Infant b. and d. Feb. 28, 1887, 11 hours old. Rosehill Cemetery, Chgo, IL
9. James Hefren Phillips b. May 16, 1888 d. Feb. 04, 1975 Cook County Illinois-St Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL.
- \* Infant William Phillips b. Aug 14 1889 d. April 19, 1890, 8 months old Rosehill Cemetery, Chgo, IL
- \* Infant Viola Phillips - d. Jan. 27, 1892, 8 months old Rosehill Cemetery, Chgo, IL
10. Rose Mary Phillips b. Jan 14 1894 d. Jan 21 1996. Acacia Park Cemetery, Illinois
11. Frank C. Phillips b. Feb. 1900 d. Oct. 1, 1913. Rosehill Cemetery Chgo, IL
12. William A. Phillips b. 1904 d. sometime after 1930

(8) ANNA Maria Phillips m. Charles Phillip Mathis on Nov 24 1909 Crown Point, Lake County Ind. April 8 1883 d. Oct. 15, 1950 Chicago. Rosehill Cemetery

Children

13. Lydia Mary Mathis b. June 5, 1910 d. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Charlie Mathis b. May 7, 1911 d. May 7, 1911 (per Chicago Death Certificate #12429, dated May 8<sup>th</sup> 1911)
15. Roy M. Mathis b. April 1, 1912 d. Aug. 15, 1912. Chicago Rosehill Cemetery  
\* Aleda Mathis b. Mar 2 1913 d. Mar 2 1913.
16. Helen Theresa Mathis b. July 9, 1914 d. Dec 8 1982
17. Charles Thomas Mathis b. Feb. 21, 1917 d. Dec 29 2008.
18. Mary Mathis b. July 10, 1919 d. May 1986
19. Robert Mathis b. April 27, 1924 d May 19 2004. Chicago
20. Raymond Russell Mathis b. Aug. 25, 1925 d. Feb. 11, 2009 Niles IL
21. Dolores Margaret Mathis

(9) JAMES Hefren Phillips m. Rose Roszkowski on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

22. Lorraine Ann Phillips b. Feb 4 1923
23. Mildred Rose Phillips b. July 19, 1921 d. Mar 28 2009
24. James A Phillips b. Sept. 4, 1924 d. Nov 23 1976 Chicago Ill.  
*(No Children)*

(12). WILLIAM A Phillips m. Anna Boer abt 1920

Children

25. William G Phillips b. Aug 29 1922 d. May 17 2002 Los Angeles, CA  
*Last known male of Phillips surname. James Ephraim Branch. (2012)*

26. Jeanette C. Phillips b. abt 1926 d. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) CHARLES Thomas Mathis m. Dorothy Clara Schmaus on Aug 19 1939 b. June 14, 1918 d. Nov 15 2004

Children

27. Charlene Helen Mathis
28. Ronald John Mathis

(18) MARY Mathis m. Joseph Rog on July 6 1946 b. April 2, 1916 d. Oct 23 2000  
Children

29. Joan Lorraine Rog

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30. Barbara J. Rog  
31. Joseph Kenneth Rog

(19) ROBERT Mathis m. Elaine Poglistch on June 1 1946  
Children

32. Karen Mathis  
33. Nancy Mathis  
34. Richard Mathis b. Nov 26 1953. d. June 13 2002.

(20) RAYMOND Russell Mathis Sr. m. Dolores K. Cosco on June 22 1950 b. April 26, 1933 d. July 10  
2002

Children

35. Raymond Russel Mathis Jr.  
36. Richard Mathis

(21) DELORES Margaret Mathis m. Carl Arthur Muir on Feb 26 1949 b. July 14, 1925  
d. May 10 1997 Genoa, De Kalb, IL

Children

37. Carl Charles Muir  
38. Sharon Ann Muir  
39. William Arthur Muir  
40. Darlene Theresa Muir  
41. John M Muir Sr.  
42. Steven J Muir b.  
43. Ronald A Muir  
44. Kimberly Jean Muir  
45. Michelle L. Muir  
46. Tammy T. Muir

(22) LORRAINE Ann Phillips m. Herbert Wagner on \_\_\_\_\_ b. Jan. 11, 1921 d. Mar 6  
1996 Arlington Heights IL

Children

47. Laura Jean Wagner b. July 3, 1947 d. July 9, 1948. Rosehill Cemetery  
48. Gearlyn Wagner b. 1952  
49. Rosalie Helen Wagner b. 1962

(23) MILDRED Rose Phillips m. Leo Martin Glowienke on \_\_\_\_\_ b. Aug. 4, 1920  
d. Jan 11 2000

Children

50. Judith Ann Glowienke b. 1944  
51. Leonard Martin Glowienke b. May 5 1953 d. May 29 1997  
52. Sheila Marie Glowienke b. 1954  
53. Patricia Mary Glowienke b. 1960

(25) WILLIAM G. Phillips mar \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

\*\* Possible children found- California USA

Kristen

Christina

Mark              Possible second wife Estela C. Etolle

Jimmie              Nevada marriage Dec 23 1984

Michele

De

(26) JEANETTE C. Phillips

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(27) CHARLENE Helen Mathis m. Paul E Figaro on \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

- 54. Anne Marie Figaro
- 55. Chuck \_ Figaro
- 56. Christine \_ Figaro

(28) RONALD John Mathis m. Donna K. Trammell on June 18, 1966.  
Children

- 57. Michelle Kathleen Mathis
- 58. Gregory Christopher Mathis
- 59. Julie Marie Mathis
- 60. Jennifer Lynn Mathis

(29) JOAN Lorraine Rog m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(30) BARBARA J. Rog m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(31) JOSEPH Kenneth Rog m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(32) KAREN Mathis m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(33) NANCY Mathis m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(34) RICHARD Mathis m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(35) RAYMOND Mathis m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(36) RICHARD Russell Mathis Jr. m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

(37) CARL Charles Muir m. Pamela Helen Joan Placinski on \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
61. Tiffany Marie Muir b. . Cook County, Illinois

(38) SHARON Ann Muir m. Lee R.F. Berott Sr. b May 18 1949 d. Jan 12 1998  
Children

- 62. Lee R.F Berott
- 63. Jacquelyn Jean Berott b.Jan 13 1970 d. Sept 28 2007
- 64. Thomas Albert Berott
- 65. Lonny Charles Muir

(39) WILLIAM Arthur Muir m. Susan Marie Blust on \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
66. Heather Christine Muir

(40) DARLENE Theresa Muir m. Gary Hipkins on \_\_\_\_\_

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Children

- 67. Bonnie T. Hipkins
- 68. Jennifer M Hipkins
- 69. Anthony Thomas (Berott) Hipkins

(41) JOHN M Muir m .Karen S Milam on \_\_\_\_\_

Children

- 70. Bonnie Marie Muir
- 71. John Michael Muir Jr.
- 72. Stephanie Ann Muir
- 73. Joseph Mark Muir

(42) STEVEN James Muir m. Linda \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Children

- 74. Steven James Muir Jr.
- 75. Cheyenne D. Muir
- 76. Tyler Muir

(43) RONALD A Muir m. Barbara Pontanini on \_\_\_\_\_ Children

- 77. Ryan Allen Muir
- 78. Brittany Nichole Muir

(44) KIMBERLY\_\_ Muir m.Edward J. Dombrowski III on \_\_\_\_\_ Children

- 79. Edward J. Dombrowski IV
- 80. Jacob M Dombrowski
- 81. Jeremy J. Dombrowski

(45) MICHELLE L. Muir m. Vince Peters on \_\_\_\_\_ Children

- 82. Taylor Marie Peters
- 83. Samantha Lynn Peters .
- 84. Justin Earl Peters

(46) TAMMY T. Muir m.Jason Peters on \_\_\_\_\_ Children

- 85. Brennan Andrew Peters
- 86. Kayla Marie Peters b.

(48) GEARLYN wagner m. Maximiano Guajardo in 1971 b 1952  
Children

- 87. Joseph Patrick Guajardo b. 1971
- 88. Vincent Wagner Gnajardo b. 2004
- 89. Nina Mary Guajardo b. 2007

(49) ROSALIE Helen Wagner m. Wayne Gulliford in 1989. b. 1958  
90. Nicholas Ryan Gulliford b.1991

(50) JUDITH Ann Glowienke mar.Henry Schultz on Sept 12 1964 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

- 91. Henry John Schultz b. 1966
- 92. Christine Marie Schultz b. 1970

(52) SHIELA Glowienke m. Raymond P. Rollhauser on June 14 1975 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Mar 13 2012

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(53) PATRICIA Mary Glowienke mar Neil William Boyd on June 5 1981.

Children  
93. Grace Lillian Boyd b.1997  
94. Wyatt James Boyd b. 1997 TWINS

(54) ANNE Marie Figaro m. Mark( Metro-) ?? Piwowarczyk on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_

(55) CHUCK Figaro mar Tess \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_  
Children

(56) CHRISTINE Figaro m. Jim Bellany  
Children

(57) GREGORY \_\_\_ Mathis mar \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_  
Children

(58) CHRISTINE Mathis m. Donicio Silva on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_  
Children

(59) JULIE \_\_\_ Mathis m. \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d.  
Children

(60) JENNIFER \_\_\_ Mathis m. Blake Van Scoy on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_

(61) TIFFANY Marie Muir m. Tim Skrypek  
Children

95. Dylan Skrypek b. \_\_\_\_\_  
96. Tyler Skrypek b. \_\_\_\_\_

(62) LEE R.F. Berott Jr. mar \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_

(63) JACQUELYN Jean Berott m. \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_ d. \_\_\_  
Children

97. Anthony Thomas Berott n/k/a Anthony Thomas Hipkins

98. Alexandria R.A. Berott

99. Jimmie Carl Berott n/k/a Jimmie Carl Peyton

100. Mark Anthony Hay

101. Ashlee Nicole Berott

(64) THOMAS Albert Berott mar \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_

(65) LONNY Charles Muir mar \_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_

(66) HEATHER Christine Muir m. Gil Burns on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_

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(66) HEATHER Christine Muir m. Gil Burns on \_\_\_ b. \_\_\_

Children

102. Audrey Violet Burns b 2008

(67) BONNIE T Hipkins m Christopher Peters on \_\_\_ b. Apr 19 1975

Children

103. Austin D J Peters

104. Madison R. Peters b.

105. Annebelle R Peters

(68) JENNIFER M Hipkins m. Tim L. Blank on \_\_\_ b. Sept 19 1973

Children

106. Anthony M Blank

107. Cole J Blank

108. Jaxon M. Blankb.

(69) BONNIE Marie Muir m \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_ b \_\_\_ d \_\_\_

Children

109. Zachary Thomas O'Donnell

110. Chase Vincent Hojinacki

## (4) FRANCES JOHN PHILLIPS

Third son of (1) William Henry, Sr. and Mary Ann Phillips

**Sex:** Male  
**Birth:** Jan. 6, 1863  
**Death:** June 24, 1957  
**Buried:** Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL  
**Father:** William Henry Phillips, Sr.  
**Mother:** Mary Ann (Collett) Phillips  
**Married:** Effie B. Shaw - May 21, 1890  
**Birth:** Sept. 4, 1866 – Norwood Park, IL  
**Death:** Oct. 16, 1900 – Norwood Park, IL  
**Buried:** Union Ridge Cemetery – Norwood Park, IL  
**Married:** Edith Rowlett – April 6, 1916  
**Birth:** Jan. 1, 1886 – Norwood Park, IL  
**Death:** Oct. 19, 1971 – DuPage County, IL  
**Buried:** Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL  
**Children:** None



### BEWARE OF FALSE FAMILY TRADITIONS

In the late 1800's West Virginia authorities hired the lawman "Bad Frank Phillips" to bring murderous members of the infamous Hatfield and McCoy's feud to justice, for which he was amply rewarded. A late 20<sup>th</sup> century Phillips family tradition began to take root that this lawman was actually our ancestor, Frances John Phillips and that he used his "ample reward" to purchase large tracts of Norwood Park farmland. While Frank seemed to obtain a fair amount of financial success, the rest of this story is totally untrue.

### THE REAL STORY OF "RICH UNCLE FRANK"

Like his three brothers, Frank Phillips was born in the caretaker's cottage of Graceland Jewish Cemetery in Lakeview, IL, later to become the Lakeview-Chicago area. At the age of 10 Frank and his family moved to Norwood Park Township, the area known as "the land between the ridges". His parents, William and Mary Ann, had purchased 10 acres of farmland complete with farm house at the southwest corner of Lawrence Avenue (then called Schoolhouse Road) and what would soon be called Phillips Avenue (Ozanam Avenue today).

William built a greenhouse and took up the occupation of florist, a trade he had learned in England, and Mary Ann soon became known as the "flower lady". William was said to have owned 300 acres in Minnesota, given him by the government for settling in America and two lots in the Dunning area of Norwood Park. He also began renting 300 acres to the south of his greenhouse property.

Soon after the 1880 census, Frank's 3 brothers left the family farm, moving closer in towards Chicago. His oldest brother, William, Jr. went into the blacksmith trade around Irving Park and Narragansett, while James took employment at Bowmanville's Rosehill Cemetery, and Walter, the youngest became a Bowmanville teamster. Frank stayed the course and farmed with his father.

In 1890, Frank married a local farm girl, Effie B. Shaw, whose family farmed tracts of land in the Harlem Avenue – Irving Park Road area. Just 2 years later, Frank's father, William, will die and Frank most likely gains control of his father's property all the while seeing to the needs of his widowed mother, Mary Ann.



EFFIE (SHAW) AND FRANK PHILLIPS  
CIRCA 1890'S

In 1900, Frank and Effie are listed along with several farmhands as living in a house on rented land at Irving Park and Thatcher. We don't know if this property was the same that was rented by his father or additional land perhaps rented from Effie's family, but later in the year Frank lost Effie Phillips when she died at 34.

Effie Shaw Phillips is buried with her parents at the Shaw Family plot in Union Ridge Cemetery – Norwood Park, IL

The Shaw Family Monument reads as follows:

THOMAS SHAW  
BORN IN YORKSHIRE ENGLAND  
APRIL 12, 1829  
DIED JUNE 2, 1898

ELIZA TITLEY  
WIFE OF THOMAS SHAW  
MAY 2, 1839  
MARCH 8, 1932

EFFIE B. SHAW  
WIFE OF FRANK PHILLIPS  
BORN SEPTEMBER 4, 1866  
DIED OCTOBER 15, 1900



The remainder of the decade seems to have run in Frank's favor. By 1910, he owned his property free and clear and had built a large red brick farmhouse on Phillips Avenue  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of his mother, Mary Ann's home at Lawrence. Frank had several farmhands living with him including 2 servant girls; sisters Hanna and Edith Rowlett from a neighboring farm. Besides keeping an eye on mom, he was also raising his nephew Fred Martin Phillips, age 10. Indeed, Fred always credited his Uncle Frank as being the one who raised him. Things continued to go well, for in 1916 Frank, age 53 married Edith Rowlett age 30.



**Frank Phillips built his red brick  
farm house about 1905-10 on  
Phillips Avenue about a half mile  
south of his mother's home. The  
location would be 4214 N. Ozanam  
Avenue today. Owning his land and  
this fine house free and clear, Frank  
was considered to be well off by  
those in his farm community.**

Family tradition says that Frank owned many parcels of land in the Norwood Park area and was considered quite successful. He probably inherited his father's property in Dunning along with the acreage in Minnesota, but in 1922 his ship really came in.

*In 1922, Mr. Street Lightfoot, a businessman specializing in the formation of cemeteries, purchased the Phillips Farm which ran north from Irving Park Road to Montrose and west from Ozanam Avenue to what is now Thatcher Road. On this land was created the Acacia Park Cemetery, originally a cemetery for members of the Masonic Order.\**

In conversation with the Acacia Park Cemetery management in 2010, it was revealed that the Phillips property had actually stretched even further than its southern boundary of Irving Park Road. We were told that Acacia not only sold 90 acres to the Westlawn Jewish Cemetery directly to its north, but also 100 acres directly to the south across Irving Park Road to the Irving Park Boulevard Cemetery. Including the 110 acres Acacia kept for itself, Frank's farm would have been 300 acres in total. A short drive through these cemeteries will impress one with just how much land Frank Phillips farmed in his day.



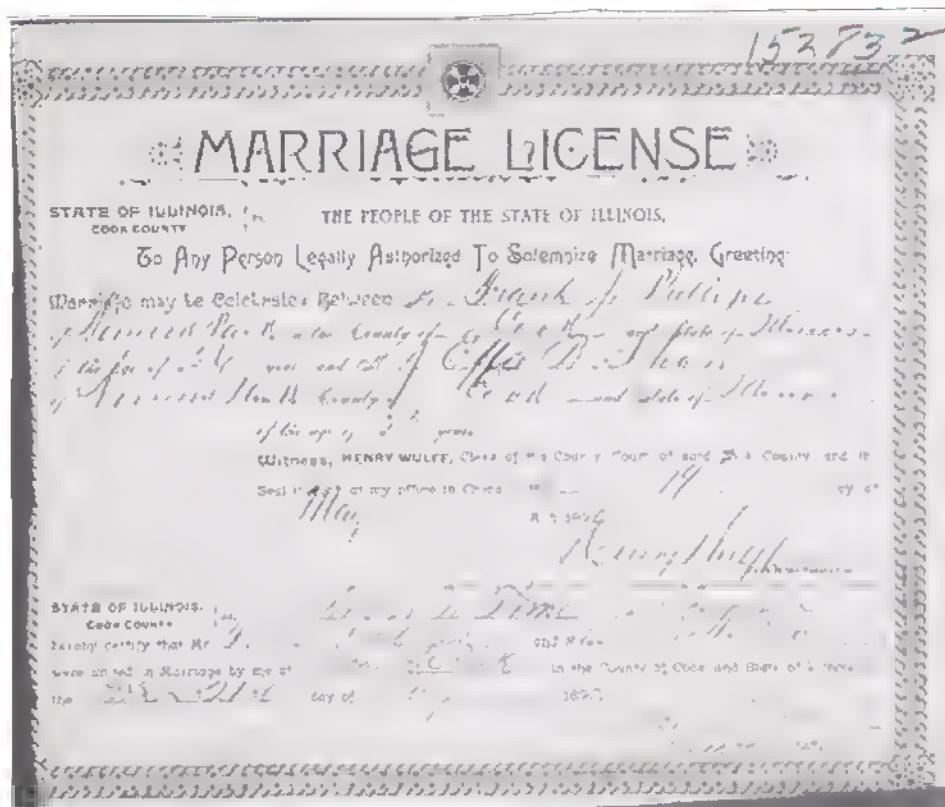
#### GROUNDBREAKING AT ACACIA PARK -- 1922

*IN THIS PHOTO TAKEN FROM IRVING PARK ROAD FACING NORTH THE RENTED FARM HOUSE IN WHICH EFFIE SHAW DIED ON OCTOBER 15, 1900 CAN FAINTLY BE SEEN IN THE FAR LEFT BACKGROUND*

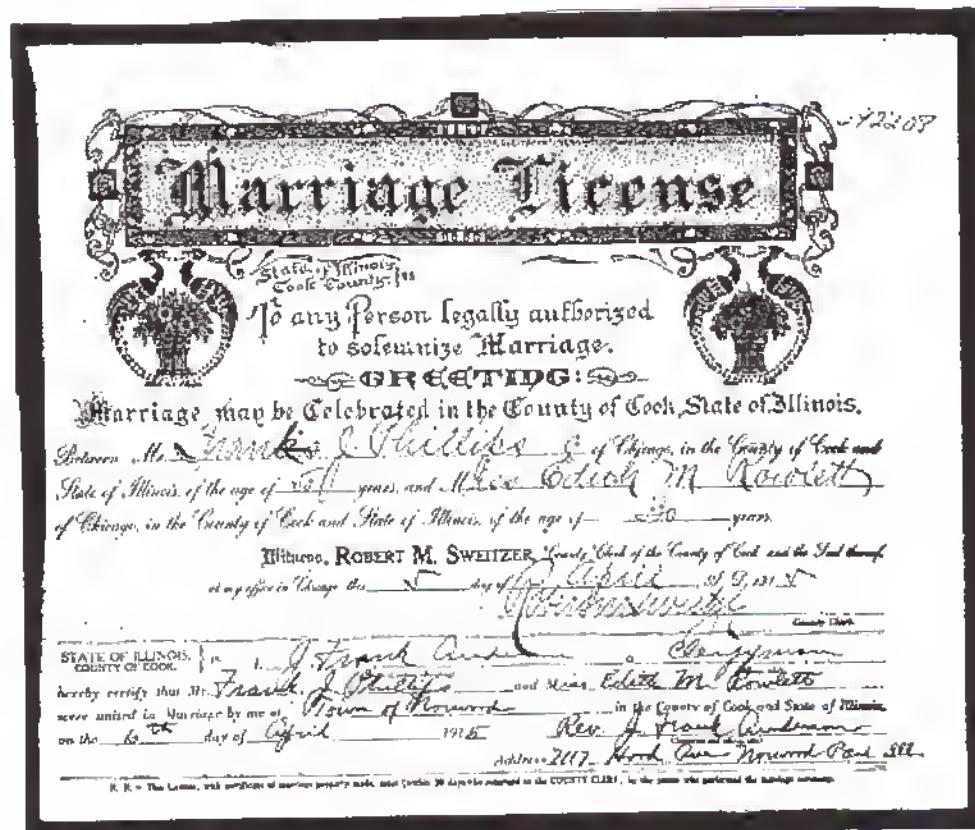
Frank probably remained in his red brick home until Acacia Park was near completion. We know that in 1925 he and Edith along with his aged ailing mother, Mary Ann, were living in a large home in Franklin Park, Illinois. Frank's farm house became the caretaker's home for Acacia Park, as well as a local historical landmark until in the 1980's extensive renovation costs caused it to be torn down. A modern caretaker's home now stands in the exact same spot.

Frances John Phillips died in 1957 at the age of 94. His second wife Edith lived until 1971. By then their wealth had dwindled. That's the real story of "Rich Uncle Frank".

\*Island Within a City – A History of Norridge-Harwood Heights Area – Thomas McGowen



Frank J. Phillips' first marriage to Effie B Shaw in 1890 (above) lasted until her death ten years later. Frank waited 16 more years before marrying Edith M. Rowlett, 20 years his junior in 1916. They would remain married until his death in 1957.





First wife of Frank Phillips

Effie B. Shaw



Frank and his second wife, Edith Rowlett



The Frank Phillips farmhouse became the caretaker's house at Acacia Park Cemetery, and stood for many years, until, in the last half of the 1900's, it was demolished and a new residence was built in the exact same spot. A contractor had been consulted, as to whether or not Frank's house could be saved, it was after all, considered to be one of the pioneer homes in the community of Norridge, Illinois. Upon being shown that a quarter placed on end, on any floor, would quickly roll to the center of the room, and hearing a six figure reconstruction estimate, the cemetery superintendant decided the building had to go.

## Bits and Pieces (4) Frances John Phillips

In order to add to his farm income, Frank Phillips also worked as a county tax collector.

**There are no descendants of Frances John Phillips**

## (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS

Sex: Male  
 Birth: February 1, 1866 Lake View, Chicago, Illinois  
 Death: April 10, 1961 Norwood Park Township, Chicago, IL  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL  
 Father: William Henry  
 Mother: Mary Ann (Collett)  
 Married: Florence Moody – abt 1889  
 Birth: abt 1870  
 Death: July 5, 1892 Lake View, Chicago, IL  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL

Children: 12. Fred M. b. June 14, 1890 d. Feb. 19, 1964

Married: Pauline Rose Deachie – April 12, 1893  
 Birth: February 7, 1877 – Wurttemberg, Germany  
 Death: March 4, 1963 – Norwood Park Township, Chicago, IL  
 Buried: Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago, IL

Children: 13. Jeanette Pauline b. Sept. 24, 1893 d. Aug. 28, 1980  
 14. Walter D., Jr. b. July 26, 1895 d. Oct., 1969  
 15. Mary Ann/Marion b. Aug. 7, 1898 d. Sept. 14, 1990  
 16. Chester M. b. Feb. 12, 1905 d. Oct. 1, 1977  
 17. Robert H. b. July 18, 1910 d. July 25, 2003  
 18. Hazel H. b. July 18, 1910 d. Dec. 2, 2005

Walter Daniel Phillips, the youngest son of (1) William and Mary Ann, was born Feb. 7, 1866 in the Lake View/Chicago area. He often told of seeing the great Chicago fire as a young boy of 5 years old.

Years before, in 1835, Israel Smith and his sons decided they had had enough of the "perfect mud hole" called Chicago and settled 10 miles west along a long ridge running north and south, the original Lake Michigan shoreline. Buying long strips of land along its crest, the area became known as Smith's Ridge. Later on, Union Ridge Cemetery was started on land adjacent to Smith's property at a wagon road called Higgins Road. Soon Smith's Ridge was known as Union Ridge. In time, looking east, Smith's descendants could see in the distance across the flat prairie land below an ever growing city surrounded by smaller townships. Irving Park Township, with its Plank Road to the southeast, then Lake View, with its new Graceland Cemetery, and Bowmanville, with Rosehill Cemetery at its core, the Smith's became part of Jefferson Township, but soon Norwood Park came into being.



Five miles to their rear ran the Aux Plaines River, today known as the Des Plaines River. Straddling both sides of the river from Plank Road (Irving Park Road) to Foster Avenue, 1200 acres in all, was the Robinson Indian Reservation. Today this land is known as the Forest Preserves of Che Che Pin Qua, Robinson and Catherine Chevalier Woods.

Alexander Robinson, of British and Ottawa Indian descent, had settled in Chicago and been made an honorary chieftain of the Potawatomi Tribe. Being fluent in English and Potawatomi, he was greatly responsible for persuading the Indians into leaving the land they lived on for hundreds of years. For his efforts, the US government gave Che Che Pin Qua his prized land. Soon his reservation flourished with family and friends. This land was a part of the land that bordered the Western edge of Norwood Park and the farm of William and Mary Ann Phillips, who had moved there from Lake View in 1873.

In the 1880 census, Walter is shown attending school (probably the "annex" school) at Plank Road and Phillips Ave, while no doubt working on his father's farm. Before the decade is over, however, he had taken Higgins Road down the ridge to live in Bowmanville and work as a teamster. Walter probably did some work for his brother James, who was a teamster/caretaker at Rosehill Cemetery.

On May 6, 1889, Walter Daniel Phillips married Miss Florence Moody and on June 14, 1890 their son, Fred M. was born. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, Bright's was a catchall name for all kidney diseases. Unfortunately within two years of giving birth Florence succumbed to kidney failure.

During the time between Walter's first son Fred being born, and the death of his wife Florence, Walter hired a 15 year old German immigrant to care for his ailing wife and young son. Family tradition has it that Walter then, 26 and Pauline Rose Deache soon were attracted to each other and became intimate even before Florence died on July 5, 1892. This story and the fact that Walter married a pregnant Pauline on April 12, 1893 are largely responsible for the opinion of some Phillips women ever since, that Phillips men, are just plain dirty old men.

## FLORENCE MOODY FIRST WIFE OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS, SR.

Sex: Female  
 Born: January 4, 1870 Hackney, Middlesex, England  
 Baptized: March 6, 1870 St. John of Hackney Parish  
 Married: (5) Walter Daniel Phillips, Sr. May 6, 1889 Chicago, IL  
 Died: July 5, 1892 Bowmanville, Chicago, IL

Father: Jonah Moody son of William, a farmer and Martha Moody  
 Born: abt. 1828 Wiltshire, England  
 Baptized: April 13, 1830 St. Lawrence Parish, Warminster, Wiltshire, England  
 Died: Oct./Dec. 1890 Melksham, Wiltshire, England

Mother: Elizabeth Franklin m. Jonah Moody December 25, 1846 Trowbridge,  
 Wiltshire, England  
 Born: abt. 1828 Hilperton, Wiltshire, England  
 Died: Jan./Mar. 1887 Melksham, Wiltshire, England

Florence's siblings were:

Henry b. abt. 1852	Alice b. abt. 1862
Frederick b. abt. 1854	Edward b. abt. 1864
Martha b. abt. 1857	Rosa b. abt. 1867
Oliver b. abt. 1859	

Children: Fred Martin b. June 14, 1890 Bowmanville, Chicago, IL



The 1871 England Census shows Florence at age 1 living with her parents, Jonah, a police constable, Elizabeth and siblings in South Hackney, Middlesex, England. In 1881, they are living in the Trowbridge, Wiltshire area and Florence is shown at 11 years old. Six years later, between Jan./Mar. in 1887, Florence's mother passed away and she was likely the only child living with her widowed father. In August of 1887 Florence, then 17, is shown immigrating alone to America.



**On August 15, 1887, Florence arrived in New York, USA on the ship "Alaska"**  
**No records have been found of any family members migrating to America**

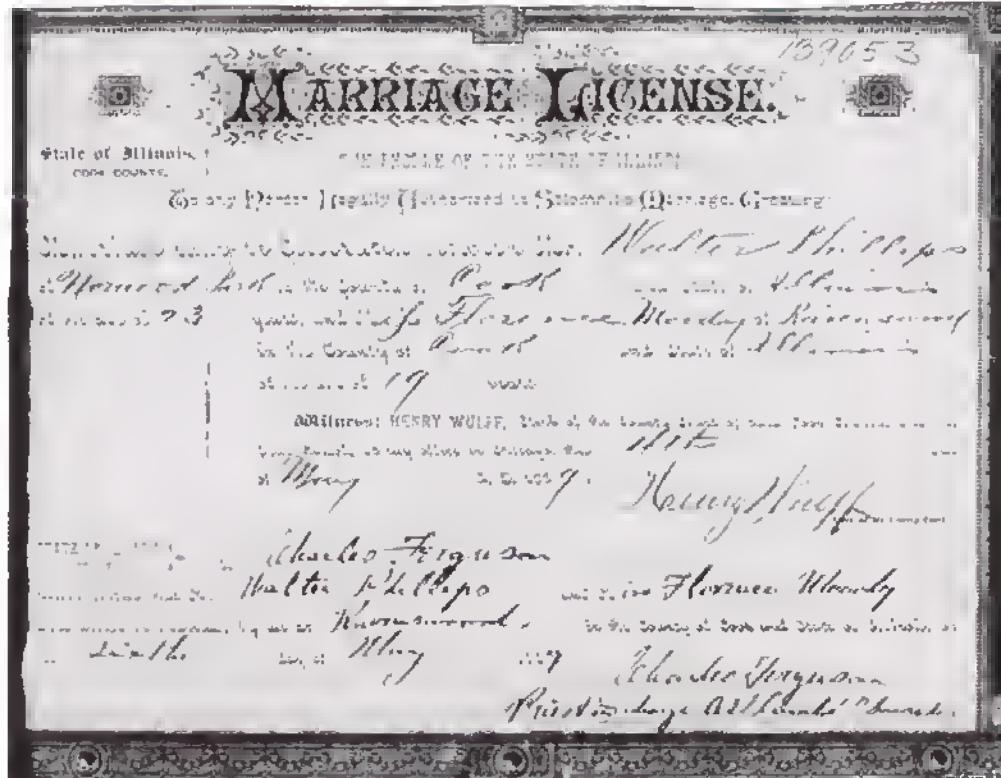
Florence and Walter Daniel's parents were born about the same time in Trowbridge, Wiltshire and shown to have grown up and lived in the same area until Walter's parents, William and Mary Ann immigrated to America in 1856. Perhaps when Florence's mother died, arrangements were made for her to come and stay with William and Mary Ann at their Norwood Park, IL farm. Perhaps a marriage was even arranged. It doesn't seem likely that a girl barely 17 would immigrate alone to America without having a predetermined destination. In any event, Florence met Walter and married him on May 6, 1889 and soon on June 14, 1890 gave birth to her only child, Fred Martin. Florence most likely knew of her father Jonah's death in 1890. On July 5, 1892, less than 2 months after her father-in-law, William Henry, Sr. died, Florence herself passed away from Bright's disease. She was just 22-1/2 years old.



We don't know anything about this picture of Florence Moody Phillips (right) and her companion. They seem to be holding bibles, and by their dress may be part of a Christian organization.



The marriage license below shows that Walter Phillips, 23 years old, married Florence Moody, just 19 years old, on May 6 1889, at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Ravenswood IL.



The All Saints Episcopal Church, built in 1884, is still standing in 2010. It is considered the oldest wood-frame church building in Chicago (erecting wooden buildings was prohibited within the city limits after the Great Fire of 1871, but All Saints was built before the 1889 annexation of Ravenswood to the City of Chicago). Built in the rural wooded village of Ravenswood the church still has the original wooden pews where worshippers baptized their babies, celebrated weddings, and mourned their dead. It was in this church that Walter and Florence's son Fred was probably baptized and from which Florence was buried.

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# MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
COOK COUNTY.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

To any Person Legally Authorized to solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

Marriage may be Celebrated between Mr. Walter Phillips  
of Chicago, in the County of Cook and the State of Illinois, of the age of 26 years, and  
Miss Pauline Deachie of Chicago, in the County of Cook  
and State of Illinois, of the age of 18 years.

Witness HENRY WHITFORD, Clerk of the County Court of said Cook County, and the  
Seal thereto, at my office in Chicago, this 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of April A.D. 1893 Henry Whitford  
Clerk of the County Court

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
COUNTY OF COOK.

I, John C. Murphy, Justice of the Peace,  
hereby certify that Mr. Walter Phillips and Miss Pauline Deachie  
were united in Marriage by me at Chicago in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, on  
the 12<sup>th</sup> April 1893 John C. Murphy  
Justice of the Peace

Pauline Deachie was 18 years old and pregnant when she married the widower Walter Phillips then 26, nine months after his wife Florence had died from Bright's disease. Being his second marriage, there wasn't a church wedding, but simply a trip to the county building for the marriage license and a Justice of the Peace.

Below: Death certificate of Florence Moody. Her place of death is listed as Bowmanville, actually a spin-off village of Ravenswood. Walter may have been living on Oakley street by this time.

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.—Issued by State Board of Health.	
State of Illinois.	
COOK COUNTY.	
DEPT. BOARD OF HEALTH.	
1. Name	Florence Phillips
2. Sex	Female
3. Age	22 years - 6 months 1 days
4. Occupation	Housewife
5. Date of death	July 5 <sup>th</sup> 1892 P.M.
6. Disease	Bright's Disease
7. Nationality and place where born	English - England
8. How long resided in this State	27 Years
9. Place of death	Bowmanville
10. Name of doctor	Bright's Disease
11. Duration of disease	1161
12. Place of burial	Residence
13. Name of undertaker	P.H. Russell
14. Place of burial	Ravenswood
Died in this State.	
Printed in U.S.A.	

## Life on Oakley Street, in Bowmanville

It is likely that, soon after Florence Moody's death in 1892, Walter and Pauline moved to their Oakley Street home and began their married life together. There they would stay and raise their children until moving to a rented farm around 1907. Family tradition has it that Pauline was none too pleased about having to raise another woman's son, and perhaps the move was a form of appeasement from Walter.

Walter seems to have worked as a self employed teamster, in business with his older Brother James Ephraim, who lived just a few blocks away on Carmen Avenue. Early city directories list the brothers as teamsters for hire, and it is tradition that they did a lot of work for the Rosehill Cemetery just a half a mile away. It's been said that they received burial plots in exchange for some of their work, which may have helped their mother May Ann purchase the large 32 grave plot which today is their final resting place..

Both brothers seemed to do well. Walters's house on Oakley was good sized, even by today's standards, and James' house was equally as big, built of brick, and had more land. It was there, in James' stable that the two men kept their horses and equipment.

### A different church

Ten years after leaving the Bowmanville area and moving to their Norwood Park farm, Walter and Pauline returned to the Bowmanville Congregational Church to have the last of their children, the twins, Robert and Hazel Baptized. An assumption might be made that after burying his first wife at All Saints Episcopal Church, Walter and Pauline began to worship at the Bowmanville church, where all of Pauline's children were probably baptized.

### A different life

The 1900 census shows Walter and Pauline living on Oakley, paying a mortgage and raising a family. Along with their children, Fred, Jeanette, Walter D. Jr., and Marian, is Pauline's half sister, Julia Brucker, listed as a servant. One has to wonder how Pauline and her Children must have felt when Walter sold his Oakley Street home, (indoor plumbing and all) to get money to buy farm equipment, and moved the entire family to Norwood Park Township.

**5148 North Oakley**

**Chicago Illinois.**

Formerly 3135 N Oakley,  
Bowmanville. (prior to 1909)

Although this picture of Walter and Pauline's house was taken in 2010, it probably hasn't changed much from when the Phillips family called it home.



The Bowmanville Congregational Church at 2478 Berwyn Avenue, Chicago, as it appeared in 2010. It was originally built in 1879 to counteract the numerous bars in the area. The land was donated by Dr. John H. Foster (of Chicago's Foster Ave. fame), with the condition it always be used for religious purposes. From its inception it has changed hands from Unionist to Congregational, to Independent Fundamental Christians, to Baptists and Protestants.

Although damaged by fire in 1915, the repaired structure still has the original pews in which our Ancestors worshipped.



**Walter and Pauline Phillips on Oakley Avenue with Children**

Left to right- Mary Ann, Chester Martin, Jeanette Viola, and Walter Daniel Jr.

Summer 1905



Walter and Pauline's home at 5148 Oakley  
Pauline standing on front porch  
Circa 1895

## A New Venture

### Boyhood Knowledge

#### Back On The Farm

We don't know why Walter decided to start farming. Perhaps he had problems working with his brother. Perhaps he wanted a chance at making more money. Who knows? In any event, using knowledge he obtained as a young man on his father's farm, he turned the page on the next chapter of his life.

By the summer of 1907 the family was living on Higgins Road across from Union Ridge Cemetery in an old farmhouse with outdoor plumbing. The house (probably one the Smith's had built) today would be on the southeast corner of Higgins and Rutherford. It is said that Walter's rented land stretched from Higgins Rd. on the north to Lawrence Ave. on the south and from Harlem Ave. on the west to Nagle Ave., the boundary line of Norwood Park, a half mile east of the ridge.

Walter started out as a bay farmer and supplied the teaming companies of Chicago with bay for their horses. He also grew beans which he sold at the Randolph Street Market in Chicago. During WWI, since there was a sugar shortage, he began growing sugar beets and would load a whole freight car at the Norwood Park railroad station. After the war, he began doing mostly truck farming, growing wheat, tomatoes, corn and beans, etc. for the Chicago market.

Walter managed to keep most of the 365 acre farm under cultivation and raised another 3 children, Chester M., Robert H. and Hazel H. who were born before the end of 1910. It was his youngest son, Robert, who claimed that countless days of straddling the furrows of ground behind a horse drawn plow was what eventually caused Walter to be so bow-legged. Robert also related the fact that a farmer below the ridge in Jefferson Township would always maintain his section of Higgins Rd. during the mud season and would therefore charge a 10 cent toll to all farmers heading to Chicago.



Potawatomi Arrowhead  
Found on Walter Daniel's Farm



Walter Daniel hauling hay to Chicago on Higgins Road

Robert remembered he and his siblings sitting in the farmyard watching hot air balloons lift off from the prairie land outside of Chicago. Walter was afraid one would crash in his wheat field and set it on fire, so his children were used as fire observers.

Family tradition also has it that during the early days on the farm, Walter went to visit his mother, Mary Ann on her farm on Phillips Ave., but eventually wound up visiting some of the Robinson girls at their reservation. It seems Pauline was quite upset at him when he finally rode his bicycle home because the very next morning; she kicked all of the spokes out of its wheels, and informed him that he would be staying a lot closer to home from then on.

In 1923, Walter retired from farming at 57 years old. He had a new house built on the north of Higgins Rd. on what would become Nottingham Ave. The home stood alone in the middle of open land. It was a fair sized one story frame house built on a stone foundation. There was no concrete floor in the basement, only wood planks laid down for the purpose of carrying coal to the furnace. The furnace, of course, was the kind that most children of that day called the "octopus", with large round heat ducts running all over the basement.

Walter continued to work, first digging graves at Union Ridge Cemetery, next pumping gas at his son-in-law's station and finally because he wanted to take advantage of the new Social Security Act, as a laborer for an excavating company. Once, while digging dirt, a man walked by and commented that he needed his daily walk to keep his muscles from stiffening up at age 70. "I know what you mean", Walter said, while continuing to shovel, "I'm 72". Walter collected \$21.00 a month Social Security for the next 20 years.

My grandfather was 70 years old when I was born and while he lived to 95 years old, I like most of his grandchildren, have limited memories of him. I do remember when in his 80's he would spend his summer sitting on the enclosed back porch looking over his land, which by then consisted of a chicken coop behind the house and a side yard filled with flowers, bushes and a vegetable garden. He sat and smoked his pipe, occasionally sipping whiskey and once shooting an egg-stealing squirrel with his trusty 10 gauge shotgun. One day after purchasing a new can of Plowboy Tobacco, he opened the can to discover the tobacco to be of poor quality. "Hell", he said, "if that's the kind of tobacco they're gonna sell, I just won't buy it anymore". At 90 years old, Walter quit smoking. When he wasn't on the back porch, he was either hiding in the basement by the furnace while listening to his radio, or doing Pauline's bidding in the side yard, moving plants and bushes from one place to another until she was happy.

In 1959, Walter fell and broke his hip. Amazingly, it healed in no time at all, but by then he had caught pneumonia. On April 10, 1961, Walter died at 95 years old.



Pauline and Walter  
5521 N. Nottingham  
Norwood Park/Chicago

(5)



April 12, 1948

## Bits and Pieces About Walter, Florence and Pauline

The Following memories are from (29) Phyllis (Rozny) Stone

"My grandfather, walter D., worked for my dad and brothers at the auto repair shop for many Years. My grandfather liked to chew gum. When my mom took him home at night he'd roll it up in the corner of the window sash saving it for the next day. This would go on for weeks until my brothers would give him a new stick of Juicy Fruit."

"One day while guiding a customer's car into the garage, Walter tripped over an oil pan and fell. My brothers, worried he might end up hurting himself, and had to let him go. He was 82 years old."

Phyllis told of how she and her cousin ~~30~~ Diane were given puppies, and took them to Walter to have their tails shortened. He put their tails on a chopping block and removed them with an axe, handing each one back to their horrified owners.

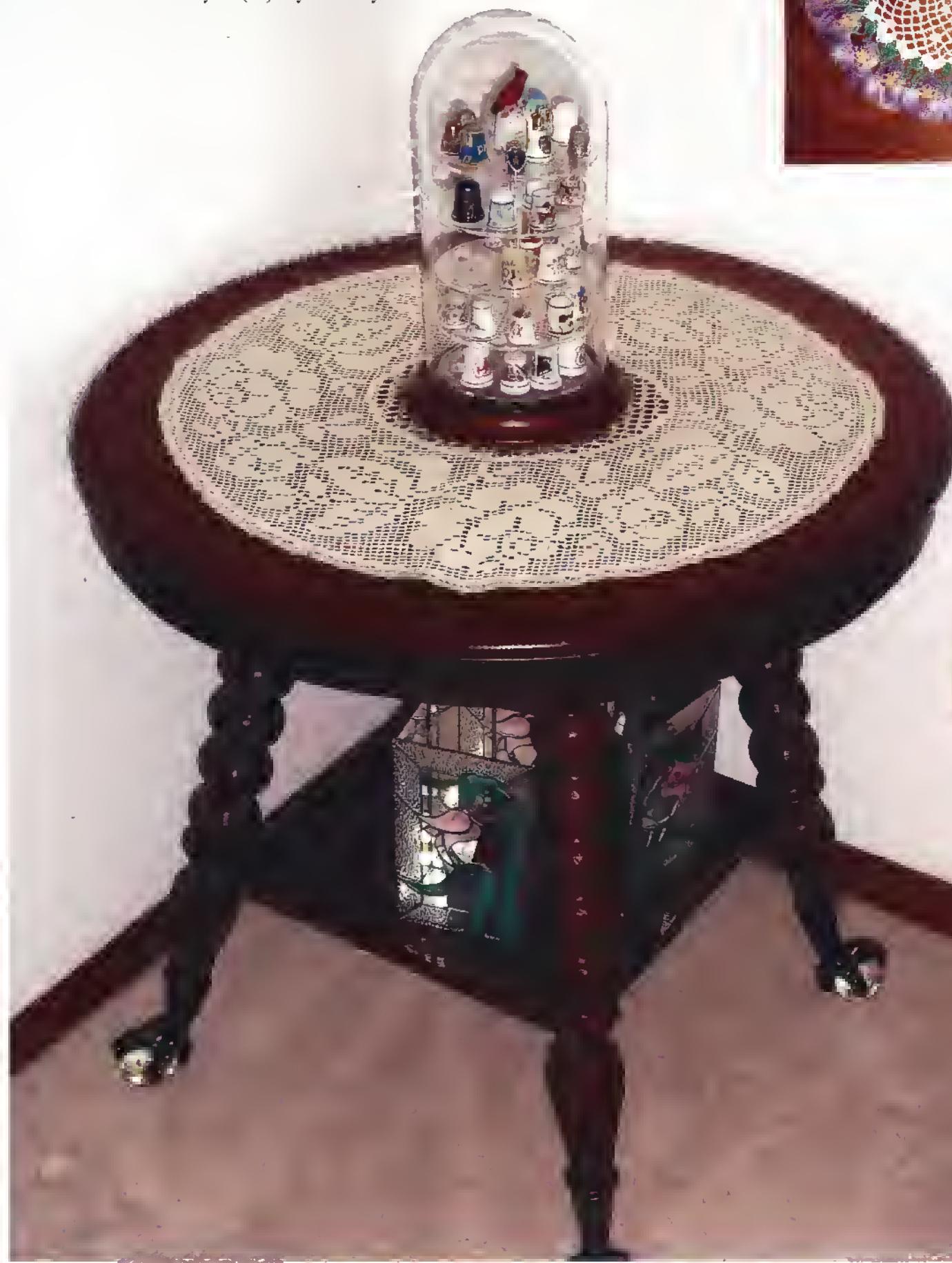
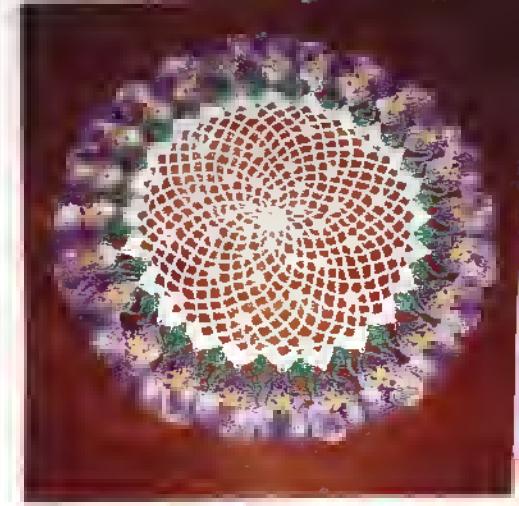
Here are two of walter Daniel's fabled rocking chairs looking a lot better than when he owned them!



Courtesy of (23) Hazel Lundquist and (29) Phyllis Stone

Pictured at the right is a Pansy doily made by Pauline Phillips. The table, with its' white cover doily, once stood in Pauline's living room on Nottingham Avenue. On the top row of the thimble collection is a small delicate silver thimble inscribed with the name "Mary", as it once belonged to Mary Ann Collett Phillips.

Courtesy of (29) Phyllis Rozny Stone.





### **Union Ridge Cemetery**

Twenty-two year old Israel Smith didn't care much for Chicago. He called it "a perfect Mud hole!" In 1835 he bought a section of land on the first high, dry spot he found on the prairie beyond Chicago; the ridge that would become known as Union Ridge, in what was to become the township of Jefferson (later Norwood Park). Israel pitched a tent there until he was able to put up a cabin, and he was quickly joined by his brothers; Marcellus, Gustavus, and Waldo, who bought adjoining sections of land all along the ridge, to about where Union Ridge Cemetery now lies. Later their father Henry also joined them. \*

Looking out from their farm house window, across a dirt road, today known as Higgins Avenue, the Smiths could see the high, dry ground of the ridge as it ran northward. In the distance, towering above the other trees stood a tall Magnificent Oak, at the very point where the ridge's crest began to slope down towards Chicago to the east. In a few short years the view would change radically.

In 1841 the Union Ridge Cemetery Came into existence and many of the areas pioneers and Civil War dead were soon buried there. By 1870 the Chicago and North Western Railroad had built a new station in the area. It soon became the Norwood Park station. An insane asylum (Dunning) had been built further south at Old Plank Road, (now Irving Park Rd) and the Union Ridge and Annex Schools had also been established.

By the time Walter D Phillips Sr. and family began renting the old Smith farm house on Higgins Road; in 1907 a family member was already across the street. Effie Shaw Phillips, wife of (4) Frank J. Phillips had been buried in the Shaw family plot in 1900.

\* An Island within a City-Thomas McGowen



The Phillips children would ride their bikes and play in the cemetery. They would swing from a long thick rope that someone had tied to a branch, of the magnificent Oak tree. It would take them high over the ridge's slope, in the direction of a small, foul smelling building, a horse rendering plant. Everyone would call it the "Glue Factory"

Today the old farm house is long gone, with another building in its place. The many acres of farm land are now covered with homes, one next to the other. Higgins Avenue is no longer a dusty dirt road. Union Grove Cemetery hasn't changed much in the last 150 years, but it no longer stands alone on the ridge. It is hemmed in on all sides by civilization. The Automobile spelled the end for the glue factory, and the concrete roads needed to drive on, caused the oak to fall.

Buried at Union Ridge Cemetery, Norwood Park, Chicago, Illinois.

- (4) Effie Shaw Phillips
- (14) Walter Daniel Phillips Jr.  
Grace Harris Phillips  
Bernice Harris Phillips
- (24) Richard Harris Phillips
- 51. Wayne Leon Phillips

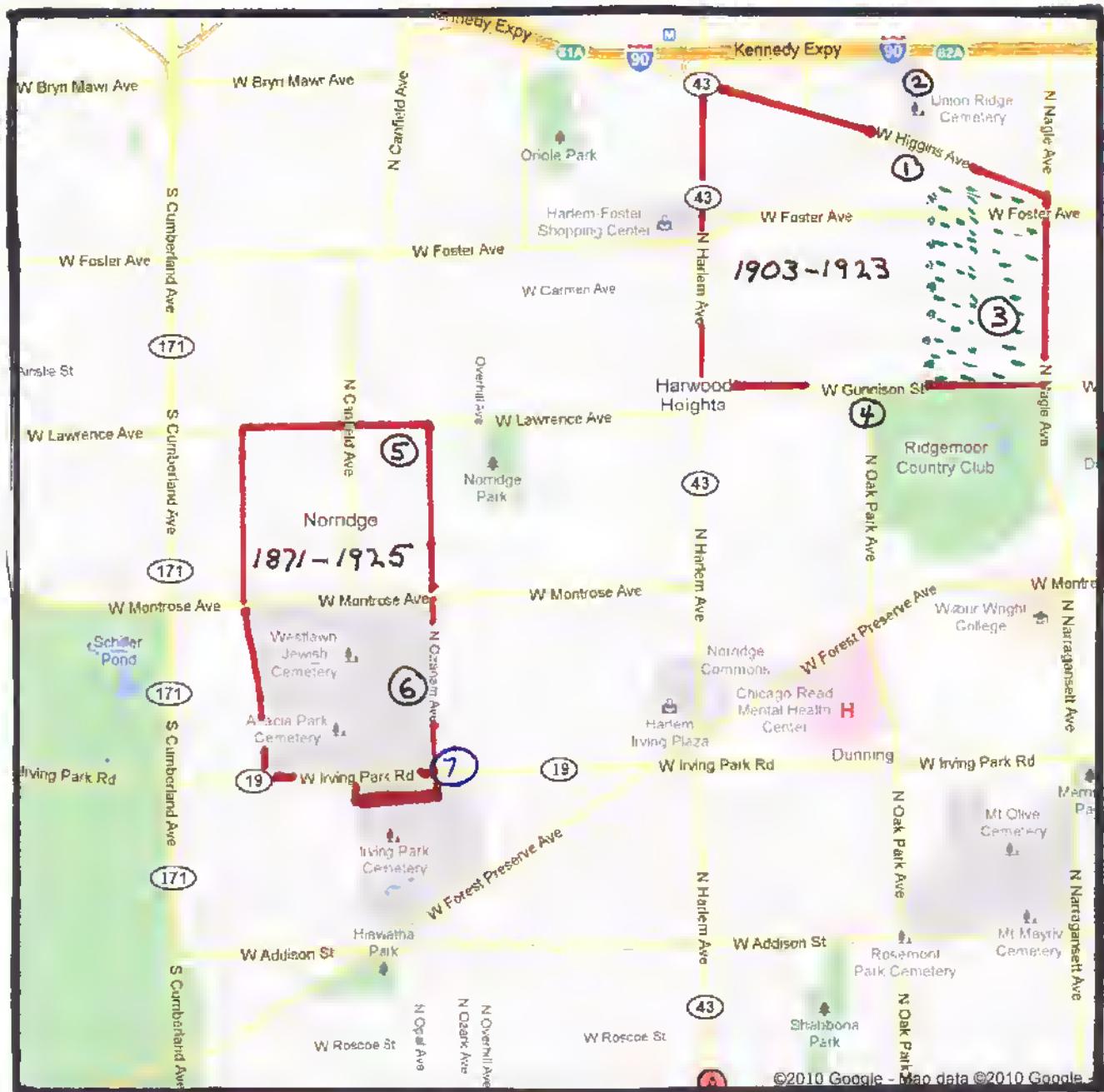
- (16) Chester Martin Phillips  
Alice Hammelmann Phillips
- (18) Hazel Hammelmann  
Wilfred Hammelmann

# The Walter Daniel Phillips Farm



**Higgins and Rutherford  
Norwood Park IL.**

## Walter Daniel Phillips farm in Norwood Park IL.



- (1) Location of the Walter Daniel Phillips farm house
- (2) Location of Union Ridge Cemetery
- (3) Low wet swamp land on east end of Walter's farm
- (4) Location of Union Ridge Grammar school
- (5) William Henry and Mary Ann Phillips farm house
- (6) Frank J. Phillips farm house
- (7) Location of "The Annex" grammar school



As did most farmers, Walter Phillips contracted out his hay thrashing. The steam unit in the foreground was connected to the thrasher unit by a long drive belt to insure against the hay catching fire. Workers saw to it, that the thrashed hay was piled high upon the wagons.

Far left: Machine owner. 2<sup>nd</sup> from left: possibly Frank J. Phillips. 3<sup>rd</sup> from left: Walter D. Phillips Sr. 4<sup>th</sup> from left: Walter D. Jr. Far right: Chester M. Phillips





Francis John and Walter Daniel Phillips, hauling hay down Higgins Road to Chicago, from Walters farm at Higgins and Rutherford in Norwood Park, Illinois. Circa 1915. During World War One, Walter shipped boxcars of sugar beets from the Norwood Park train station.





We believe the young man in hat and bow tie to be Walter D. Phillips Jr.







### Walter Daniel Phillips Farm

The Walter Phillips farm house once stood on what today would be the South-East corner of Higgins and Rutherford Avenues, in Norwood Park (now Chicago), Illinois.

It was Directly across Higgins Avenue from the Union Ridge Cemetery.



On the Walter Daniel Phillips Farm  
This picture was taken about 1915.

Front Row, left to right.

18. Hazel H. Phillips, (5)Walter Daniel and Pauline Phillips,  
and 17.Robert H. Phillips

Back row, left to right

August and (13) Jeanette (Phillips) Utes, Julia Brucker ( Pauline's step sister),  
and 15. Marian Phillips

**PAULINE ROSE DEACHIE  
2<sup>ND</sup> WIFE OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

**MYSTERY GIRL**

Family traditions, stories and bits of memories about an ancestor's life are often true but very often not true. Even when related by the ancestor themselves their memory can sometimes fail. This is why we call Pauline the "Mystery Girl".

Family members often debate whether Pauline was born in Germany or Vermont. Some say she was illegitimate while others say her father "Deachie" died shortly after coming to Vermont. Many think Pauline was brought to America at age 15 specifically to care for Walter Daniels first wife, Florence Moody. They say that when she married Walter, she insisted that Walter and Florence's son Fred go to live with his Grandmother Mary Ann. Some family members say she was pregnant by Walter before Florence had died.

Pauline was a very young child when she came to America and perhaps was confused about her history. Perhaps her mother gave her incorrect information as she grew up. She often related the following story.

**Pictured are Pauline Rose Phillips  
and her twins Hazel and Robert  
Circa 1914**

Pauline said that she came to America with her parents and that Mr. Deachie had died in Vermont, causing her mother to take her back to Germany. When her mother remarried, they returned to Vermont and she remembered its green rolling hills. She said that her grandparents wanted to raise her in Germany, but her mother insisted she once again make the journey. Her stepfather drank heavily and she often wished she had stayed in Germany. She also said that she had lost three sisters to diphtheria, that her mother was a widow and once told her that when coming to America she had snuck one over on the authorities.



Here is what we have been able to find out.

- Pauline's mother was born Christina Barbara Fehrlc on March 10 1853, the child of Ludwig Fehrle and Julianne Christine Scwalg Herfelder in Echterdingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.\*
- In 1874 Christina Barbara Fehrle married Johann Friederich Fischer in Echterdingen, Wuerttemberg, Germany.\*
- Pauline Rose was born on February 7, 1877 in Wuerttemberg, Germany.\*\*

We wonder where the name Deachie came from. Can we assume Christiana Barbara's husband Johann Fischer divorced her when she became pregnant with Pauline by Mr. Deachie? Perhaps Johann died shortly after they were married, and then Christiana met and had a child out of wedlock with a Mr. Deachie. We can't find any marriage, immigration, or death records of a Deachie anywhere in Germany or the United States. Did Christiana Barbara make up the name Deachie?

- The mystery thickens when on February 4, 1883 Christiana Barbara married a second husband, Martin Brucker.\*
- In the summer of 1883 the newlyweds, with Pauline in tow, immigrated to America arriving at New York on August 28, 1883 aboard the Hammonia out of Wuerttemberg departing out of Hamburg, Germany.\*\*\*

294.	Marie Muller	18
295	Martin Brucker	24
296.	Barb!	30
297.	Pauline. Fehrlc.	6
298.	Barb! Howard	23

Martin and Barbara Brucker with Pauline are shown on the Hammonia's passenger list. Recently built, the vessel was a dampfschiff. Before long, learning a new language, Pauline would call it a steamship. After watching passengers getting sick on the 2 week crossing, Pauline could never eat butter again!!!

Why is Pauline listed as a Fehrlc, her mother Barbara's maiden name? Why not Fischer or Deachie or Brucker? Is this when her mother snuck one over on the authorities? Who were the grandparents who wanted to raise Pauline in Germany? What was their last name?

\* Mormon LDS ancestry records

\*\* Information supplied by Pauline on 1900 US Census

\*\*\*Hamburger Passagierlisten, 1850-1934



**Pauline Rose Phillips, nee ????**

Pauline's maiden name is spelled "Deachie", on her and Walters wedding License. In 1936, Bernice Phillips (17), had written the name "Charles Deaich, Cattle Broker" in her sons baby book. When Pauline passed away in 1963, her daughter (18) Hazel gave her mothers maiden name as "Deache" We've used the first version because it most likely came from Pauline's lips, but we have no idea what the correct spelling really is.

**Partial ancestry chart for Christiana Barbara Fehrle**

(1) Ludwig Fehrle m. Juliane Christine Schwelg/Hertfelder- Wuerttemberg Germany  
     Children  
     2. Christina Barbara Fehrle b. Mar 10 1853 Evangelisch Echterdingen, Neckarreis  
         Wuerttemberg Ger. d. Apr 4 1903 Kenosha Wisconsin USA  
     3. Christine Catherine Fehrle b. July 21 1854. Wuerttemberg Ger.

(2) Christina Barbara Fehrle m. Johann Friederich Fischer 1874 Evangelisch  
     Wuerttemberg, Germany  
     Children not known.  
     m. Charles Deachie, Deaich, Deache  
         Children  
     4. Pauline Rose Deachie b. Feb 7 1877 Evangelisch wuerttemberg Germany.  
     m. Johann Martin Brucker on Feb 4 1883 b. Jan 5 1859 d. \_\_\_\_\_ USA  
     Parents-Johann Martin Brucker Sr. and Catherine Barbara Moeck  
     Immigrates to America with Christina Barbara and her daughter Pauline in August 1833  
     Children  
     5. Julia Brucker b. Mar 1884 Michigan USA. d. Jan 13 1938 Des Plaines IL.  
     6. Martin Ludwig Brucker b. Sept 12 1887 Bristol Vermont, d. Oct 1 1954  
         Chicago Cook IL- buried Ridgewood Cemetery. IL.  
     7. Louise Brucker b. Aug 24 1891 Michigan USA d. Apr 1966 Des Plaines IL.  
         Buried Rosehill Cemetery Chicago IL.

(3) Christine Catherine Fehrle m. Jacob Friederich Steckkoenig on Oct 5 1879  
     Children not known

**4) Pauline Deachie (m Walter Daniel Phillips Apr 12 1893 b. Feb 1 1866 d. Apr 10 1961**  
     See Walter Daniel Phillips ancestry chart

(5) Julia Brucker m. Fred G. Klingel b. Feb 1 1880 d. July 23 1919 Des Plaines IL.  
     Buried at Rosehill Cemetery Chicago  
     Children  
     8. Pearl B. Klingel b. Apr 13 1902 d. Dec 20 1988  
     9. Frederick G Klingel b. May 17 1903 d. 1955 Des Plaines IL.  
     10. Ruth Klingel b. 1913-twin  
     11. Mildred (Mae) Klingel b 1913-twin  
     12. Herman Klingel b. 1914 d.

(6) Martin Ludwig Brucker m. Anna K.  
     Children  
     13. Marjorie Brucker (step daughter)  
     14. Winifred Brucker (step daughter)

(7) Louise Brucker m. Joseph Robertshaw  
     Children  
     15. Gladys Robertshaw b. abt 1910  
     16. Joseph "Joey" Robertshaw b. 1911 d. 1933-Motorcycle/ train accident. Woodale IL.  
     17. Robert Robertshaw b. abt 1913 d.  
     m. \_\_\_\_\_ Metz 1954 b. \_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_  
         No Children

Once in America the Bruckers end up in Michigan. We know this because, there, in March of 1884, Pauline's mother gave birth to a daughter, Julia. Continuing the mystery, 3 years later Pauline's half brother Martin Brucker Jr., is born in Vermont. Pauline then 10 years old, would have been old enough to remember the "green rolling hills". In August of 1891 Martin and Christina Brucker have their 3<sup>rd</sup> American child, this time a daughter Louise, born in Michigan.

It seems that between the ages of six and fourteen Pauline had traveled from Europe to New York, then to Michigan then to Bristol, Vermont and back to Michigan. One wonders why the Bruckers traveled back to Vermont. Did they have family there? In the late 1800s the main means of long journeys in America was either by rail or ship. Perhaps Pauline thought that a Great Lakes passage between Vermont and Michigan was a second crossing of the Atlantic.

In the 1900 census, 7 years after Pauline and Walter were married, they are shown to be living in the Lakeview-Bowmanville area of Chicago with 12. Fred, 13. Jeanette, 14. Walter and 15. Mary Ann. Also living with them as a servant is Pauline's half sister Julia Brucker. In the census, Barbara Brucker and her children Martin Jr. and Louise are shown to be living within a mile of the Phillips house. Martin Brucker Sr. is nowhere to be found and Barbara is listed as head of the household. She also states that she has birthed five children, 4 of which were still living. Could these have been the children actually born in America? Did she lose two more children and her first husband Johann Fischer in Germany?

Pauline's mother Barbara died of heart failure on a Kenosha, Wisconsin street on April 4, 1903 at the age of 50. The Kenosha Evening News reported that she and her husband Martin, a Tailor, were local residents and that Kenosha had given Mr. Brucker, who recently jumped bail, permission to return to the city. Martin, evidently picked up his wife's body, for she is buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, IL. We have never found any death record for the rascal, Martin, Pauline's stepfather.

#### Copied from the Kenosha Evening News, April 6, 1903

##### FALLS ON THE STREET.

Mrs. Barbara Brucker succumbs to Heart Disease at home of W. H. VanGasbeck.

Mrs. Barbara Brucker, aged <sup>50</sup> ~~46~~ years, died from heart disease at the home of W. H. VanGasbeck, 71 Congress street, shortly after three o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Brucker had been in her usual good health during the day and had started from her home on Jay street to attend to some business in the city. As she was walking along Congress street she was seized with the attack and pedestrains on the street noticing that she was about to fall, assisted her to the VanGasbeck home. Here she died before a physician could be secured. Dr. Jorgenson reached the house a short time after the death of the woman and gave out the statement that she died from some disease of the heart.

Coroner Lansdowne investigated the case this morning and found that an inquest was not necessary.

Mrs. Brucker was the wife of Martin Brucker, a tailor, who had resided in Kenosha for a number of years. Brucker left the city some time ago under a charge in the Circuit Court and at the recent term of the court his bond was declared forfeited. He has been given permission to return to the city and is expected this afternoon.

Mrs. Brucker was well liked in the neighborhood where she lived and her tragic death came as a shock to her friends. She is survived by a large family.

The announcement of the funeral will be made later.

## ON THE PHILLIPS DOORSTEP

We don't know how Walter Daniel Phillips came to hiring Pauline Rose Deache (tradition says she was called "Polly") to care for his ailing wife and young son. Perhaps, because of close proximity, they met at church or some other social event or maybe as a result of an ad placed in a local newspaper. In any event, around 1891-92, the 15 year old comely German immigrant, from what seemed to be a dysfunctional family, arrived at Walter and Florence Phillips doorstep. The future would show that she had finally found a place where her life could take roots.

Florence Moody Phillips died on July 5, 1892 and on April 12 1893, nine months later, Pauline married Walter. Whether or not they had been intimate before Walters 1<sup>st</sup> wife died is unknown, but Walter was 11 years her senior and may have taken advantage. Even so, one must keep in mind that, "It takes two to Tango". Family tradition says that Walter's mother Mary Ann was upset that Walter did not want to marry the then pregnant "Polly" and forced him to do so. Being deeply religious, Mary Ann might have done just that if her son displayed "cold feet".

The Phillips had three children before moving from the Bowmanville area to the Rutherford and Higgins farm in Norwood Park around 1903. There they had their last three, 16. Chester, 17. Robert and his twin 18. Hazel. 12. Fred, who Pauline had reared as her own for over a decade, began rotating between his father, his grandmother, Mary Ann, and his uncle (4) Frank. Fred relayed the fact that he was basically raised by his uncle.



**Walter Phillips Farm circa 1914**

**Back Row - August Utes, 13. Jeanette, unknown servant, 15. Mary Ann**

**Front - Hazel, Walter, Pauline and Robert**

Around 1925 Walter Phillips retired from farming and moved his family to a newly built house on what eventually became 5521 N. Nottingham in Chicago, just across Higgins Avenue from where they had farmed.

Pauline loved gardening and often had Walter move bushes all around the yard till she found a spot she wanted them to stay. She also did beautiful knitting with sewing thread and created intricate lace designs. Pauline learned these skills from her mother who was a seamstress. As remembered by all, she was quiet and easy going with but one exception, Walter. Perhaps she didn't care for the smell of pipe tobacco in the house or the fact that as farmers often were, he was in need of a bath, but she often called him a dirty old man and banished him to the basement. Pauline was known for keeping a very clean home.



**Pauline in her later years**



**Pictured here is Pauline in her beloved garden**

Walter and Pauline worshipped at the Bowmanville Congregational Church even after moving from the area to farm in Norwood Park. Pauline's children were all baptized there. It seems that after moving to their last home on Nottingham that they joined The Norwood Park Presbyterian Church at Nina and Nicolette Streets.

After living as a widow for 2 years. Pauline died at the age of 86 on March 4, 1963.



From little German girl to cherished wife and mother, flowers, her favorite thing, show the love and respect Pauline had garnered from family and friends. She is buried next to Walter at Rosehill Cemetery.

## BITS AND PIECES

### OBIT - CHICAGO TRIBUNE (II) - Oct. 3, 1954

Martin L. Brucker, late of 1814 N. Halsted St., beloved husband of Clara, dear father of Marjorie Brucker and Winifred Curran, fond brother of Pauline Phillips and Louise Metz, loving grandfather of Beverly Curran. Services Monday, 1:30 pm, at Parlors, 834-38 N. Ashland Ave. interment Ridgewood

Pauline's half-brother or "uncle Martin" was a popular character on the Walter Phillips farm. Good spirited, Pauline's kids could often tell his arrival by his singing and whistling.

Pauline's mother, Barbara Brucker, worked as a seamstress and taught Pauline her skills along with the art of crocheting. Shown to the right is one of Pauline's beautiful doily creations. Courtesy of (34) Barry Phillips

In her elder years on Nottingham Avenue, Pauline suffered from severe varicose veins. She would often sit by the front living room window with her legs propped up and crochet doilies while waiting for a neighbor to walk by and converse with.



(5) WALTER Daniel Phillips m. Florence Moody May 6, 1889 b. Jan. 4, 1870 d. July 5, 1892 Chicago  
m. Pauline Rose Deachie/ Deaich/ Deache Apr. 12, 1893 b. Feb. 7, 1877, Wuerstenberg, Germany. D. Mar 14 1963 Chicago IL.  
Children by 1st wife-Florence

12. Fred Martin Phillips b. June 14, 1890 Chicago d. Feb. 19, 1964 Florida  
Children by 2nd wife-Pauline

13. Jeanette Viola Phillips h. Sept. 24, 1893 Chicago d. Aug. 28, 1980 Chicago

14. Walter Daniel Phillips Jr. b. July 26, 1895 Chicago d. Oct. 28, 1969 Des Plaines

15. Marian \_\_\_\_ Phillips b. Aug. 7, 1898 Chicago d. Sept. 14, 1990 Barrington, Lake, IL.

16. Chester Martin Phillips b. 12, 1905 Chicago d. Oct. 21 1977 Chicago (9/4/77???)

17. Robert Herbert Phillips b. July 18, 1910 Chicago d. July 25, 2003 Burlington, Racine, WI

18. Hazel Henrietta Phillips b. July 18, 1910 Chicago d. Dec. 2, 2005 Arlington Heights, IL

(12) FRED Martin Phillips m. Dora E. Ellerbrock Jan. 3, 1914 b. July 22, 1891 d. Aug. 16, 1987  
Children

19. Ralph Frances Phillips b. Dec. 18, 1914 Chicago d. Aug. 10, 1986 Largo, Pinellas, FL

20. Marjorie Marie Louise Phillips b. Jan. 9, 1916 Chicago .

21. Elaine Florence Phillips b. Feb. 23, 1933 Chicago d. Sept. 26, 2007 Ocala, Marion, FL

(13) JEANETTE Viola Phillips m. August Utes Dec. 18, 1915 b. July 20, 1892 d. Nov. 25, 1970  
Children

22. Dorothy Pauline Utes b. Sept. 13, 1916

23. Hazel Viola Utes b. May 14, 1925

(14) WALTER Daniel Phillips JR. m. Grace Viola Harris June 18 1921 b. Mar. 11, 1897 d. July 23 1960  
m. Mable Bernice Harris \_\_\_\_ b July 19, 1893 d. Oct 10, 1983  
Children

24. Richard Harris Phillips b. Nov. 14, 1922 d. Jan 14 1960

25. Donald Walter Phillips b. Jan. 9, 1924

26. Ruth B. Phillips b. July 11, 1925 d. Dec. 14, 1997 West Chicago, DuPage, IL

(15) MARIAN Phillips m. Raymond Albert Rozny, Sr Sept 10 1923. b. Aug. 7, 1898.d Oct., 25 1975  
Children

27. Raymond Rozny, Jr. b. May 2, 1924. d. Nov 26 2011

28. Chester Robert Rozny b. Aug. 15, 1926 d. Apr 22 2010

29. Phyllis Jean Rozny b. Nov. 17, 1935

(16) CHESTER Martin Phillips m. Alice M. Hammelmann July 20, 1933 Chicago b. July 20, 1911 d. Mar. 20, 2005 Chicago  
Children

30. Diane J. Phillips b. June 20, 1934 Chicago d. Apr. 2, 1997 Elk Grove Village, IL

31. Chester Martin Phillips, Jr. b. Jan. 7, 1939 Chicago d. Aug. 13, 1979 Rosemont, IL

(17) ROBERT Herbert Phillips m. Bernice A. Dillman Sept. 26, 1935 Norwood Park, IL  
b. Aug. 10 1916 Chicago d. Dec 15 2000 Racine WI  
Buried Acacia Park Cemetery, Chicago  
Children  
32. Robert Wilmer Phillips b. Mar. 29, 1936 Chicago d.  
33. Ronald Jay Phillips b. Feb. 26, 1940 Chicago d.  
34. Barry Richard Phillips b. May 1, 1945 Chicago d.  
35. Craig Adam Phillips b. Jan. 25, 1957 Chicago d.

(18) HAZEL Henrietta Phillips m. Wilfred H. Hammelmann Oct. 19, 1942 Chicago b June  
30, 1906 Chicago d. May 7 1996 Chicago  
Buried Union Ridge Cemetery, Chicago  
Children  
36. Gary Allan Hammelmann b. Feb. 14, 1951 Chicago

(19) RALPH Frances Phillips m. Eleanor Reinke Aug. 31, 1941 b. Dec. 2, 1921  
Children  
37. Larry Ralph Phillips b. Sept. 18, 1946 Chicago, IL  
38. Bruce Frances Phillips b. Dec. 22, 1953 St. Petersburg, FL

(20) MARJORIE Marie Louise Phillips m. William Stuke Nov. 6, 1937 b. Sept. 5, 1915  
d. June 9, 2007 Peoria, Maricopa, AZ.  
Children  
39. Karen Judith Stuke b. Dec. 20, 1939 Norwood Park, IL  
40. Beryl Kathleen Stuke b. Oct. 22, 1943 Evanston, IL  
41. Lynn Diane Stuke b. May 10, 1947 Chicago, IL d. June 9, 2001 New York

(21) ELAINE Florence Phillips m. John L. Craynon June 30, 1951 Chicago b. May 13,  
1922 d. Waukegan  
Children  
42. Danita Lynn Craynon b. May 22, 1952 IL  
43. Dawn Lanette Craynon b. June 4, 1954 IL d. July 29, 2005  
44. Daryl Lee Craynon b. Jan. 5, 1959 IL

(22) DOROTHY Pauline Utes m. Fred W. Linneman Jan. 5, 1939 b. Oct. 29, 1915  
d. Oct. 31, 1991  
Children  
45. Kenneth Frederick Linneman b. Dec. 25, 1939 .  
46. Janet Caroline Linneman b. Mar. 15, 1941 .

(23) HAZEL Viola Utes m. Art Lundquist Mar. 16, 1947 b. Apr. 13, 1925 \_\_\_ d. Jan. 25,  
1992 Des Plaines, Cook, IL  
Children  
47. Lois Joy Lindquist b. Aug. 19, 1950  
48. Dennis Arthur Lindquist b. July 3, 1953  
49. Karen Lindquist. Feb. 28, 1956

(24) RICHARD Harris Phillips m. Eleanor Dendor June 7, 1947

Children

50. Richard Harris Phillips, Jr. b. July 22, 1948 Rosemont, IL d.  
51. Wayne Leon Phillips b. June 26, 1951 d. abt Oct 15 1950 , 3mths 19 days  
Rosemont, IL Buried Union Ridge Cemetery

(25) DONALD Walter Phillips m. Blanche Sass Apr. 12, 1947 b. Aug. 21, 1927  
Chicago, IL d. Mar., 2005

Children

52. Donna Blanche Phillips b. June 2, 1948 Chicago, IL  
53. Lester Erwin Phillips b. Nov. 7, 1954 Chicago, IL

(26) RUTH Bernice Phillips m. William Thomas Zell Mar. 12, 1955 b Feb 25 1928  
Children

54. Lawrence Thomas Zell b. Sept. 15, 1955 Chicago IL.  
55. Susan Ruth Zell b. Nov. 24 1956 Chicago IL.  
56. Charles Walter Zell b Oct 30 1959

(27) RAYMOND A. Rozny JR. m. Catharine (Tillie) Rissetto Apr. 19, 1947 b. Dec. 19,  
1925

Children

57. Raymond Ralph Rozny b Aug 26 1948  
58. Ralph Arthur Rozny b. Mar 7 1951  
59. Joann Louise Rozny b. Dec 29 1952  
60. Janine Marie Rosny b. Oct 29 1966

(28) CHESTER Robert Rozny m. Mary Ellen McKeon Mar. 26, 1957 b. Nov. 5, 1930  
Children

61. John Oswald Rozny b .Dec 7 1958  
62. Nancy Ann Rozny b. Sep 23 1961  
63. Barbara Ann Rozny b. Nov 1 1964

(29) PHYLLIS Jean Rozny m. Allen Stone Apr 20 1957 b. Feb. 18, 1935  
Children

64. Brad Allen Stone b. Mar 8 1962  
65. Bruce Scott Stone b. May 18 1963

(30) DIANE J. m. Robert W. Ford Nov. 10, 1956 b. Mar. 23, 1928  
d. Aug. 31, 1993 Elk Grove Village, Cook, IL

Children

66. Robert W. Ford, Jr. b .Sept 1 1958  
67. Lisa Carole Ford b. Sept 9 1959  
68. Suzanne \_\_\_\_\_ Ford b. Sept 5 1961

(31) CHESTER M. Phillips, JR. m. Juanita Amado Feb 5, 1960 b.  
Children

69. Chester Martin Phillips III b. Aug 11 1960  
70. Christine Marie Phillips b. July 8 1962  
71. Jeffrey Daniel Phillips b .Feb 19 1965

(32) ROBERT Wilmer Phillips  
m. Laurie Ann Off Nov 2 1957 b. March 2 1939 d. Feb 18 1965  
No children

m. Carlyle Sue Hartman Jan. 28, 1966 b. July 23, 1940 Chicago Ill.

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Children

72. Holly Sue Phillips b. Dec. 28, 1966  
73. Robyn Ann Phillips b. Oct. 2, 1968  
74. Brooke Ellen Phillips b. Aug. 31, 1971  
75. Robert Wilmer Phillips Jr. b. Nov. 28, 1973

(33) RONALD Jay Phillips m. Karen Merkle Oct. 26, 1963 b. Aug. 30, 1947 Chicago  
Children  
76. Ronald Jay Phillips Jr. b. May 18, 1964 Chicago  
77. Roxanne Kelley Phillips b. Mar. 9, 1969  
    m. Linda Marie Guttierrez 1984 b. July 12 1942  
    d. June 16 1996  
    m. Denise \_\_\_\_\_ Mears Feb 14 2000 b. Nov 12 1960

(34) BARRY Richard Phillips m. Amy Louise Lernke Oct. 20, 1973 Norwood Park, IL.  
    b. June 2, 1950  
    Children  
78. Anne Louise Phillips b. Feb. 13, 1977 Park Ridge, Cook, IL  
79. Brian Richard Phillips b. Dec. 19, 1979 Park Ridge, IL  
80. Brad Richard Phillips b. Oct. 11, 1982 Park Ridge, IL

(35) CRAIG Adam Phillips m. Kathleen Byrne Aug. 29, 1981 Norridge, IL b. Oct. 31, 1958 Chicago d. Aug. 8, 1998 Trevor, Kenosha, WI  
    m. Nancy Geraldyn Wells Sept. 9, 2000 b. Apr. 3, 1961 .  
    Children  
81. Marshall Knickerbocker Wells III b. Nov. 17, 1987 .  
82. Ashley Nicole Wells b. Mar. 27, 1991 .

(36) GARY Allan Hammelmann m. Katherine Palumbo Oct. 2, 1971 b. June 23, 1951 .  
    Children  
83. Sandra Ann Hammelmann b. Feb. 28, 1972 .  
84. Angela Lynn Hammelmann b. Jan. 5, 1975  
85. Gary Walter Hammelmann b. Mar. 28, 1975

(37) LARRY Ralph Phillips m. Martha Josephine Debow Nov. 18, 1967 b. Oct. 1, 1948 Ohio  
    Children  
86. Michael Robert Phillips b. Sept. 12, 1974 Florida  
87. Christine Ann Phillips b. Nov. 19, 1970 Savannah, GA

(38) BRUCE Francis Phillips m. Cherrie Leigh Smith Aug. 16, 1975 b. Dec. 2 1954 NEBR  
    Children  
88. Jason Allen Phillips b. Jan. 16, 1977 St Petersburg FLA  
89. Jacqueline Leigh Phillips b. Feb. 28, 1980 Dunedin FLA  
90. Laura Francis Phillips b. Dec. 5, 1986 Dunedin FLA

(39) KAREN Judith Stuke m. William Dale Penewitt June 12, 1958 b. May 26, 1934 San Antonio, TX d. Jan 29 2012. Houston TX  
    Children  
91. William Daren Penewitt b. Aug. 31, 1960 Victoria County, TX  
92. John Karl Penewitt b. Oct. 18, 1963 Houston, TX . d. \_\_\_\_\_  
93. Kelly Judith Penewitt b. Apr. 14, 1967 Houston, TX

(40) BERYL Kathleen Stuke m. Richard Irwin Haley Mar. 7, 1964 b. Feb. 20, 1942  
 Chicago  
 Children  
 94. Richard Scott Haley b. May 31, 1968 Rockford, IL

(41) LYNN Diane Stuke m. Frank James Gabriel June 20, 1970 b. Oct. 5, 1944 Hinsdale, IL.  
 Children  
 95. Megan Aila Gabriel b. Dec 9 1974 Ft Knox Kentucky  
 96. David James Gabriel b. May 10, 1978 Wurzburg, Germany

(42) DANITA Lynn Craynon m. George Gregory Tucker Dec. 4, 1970

(43) DAWN Lanette Craynon m. Keith Wayne Hutto Jan 31, 1976 b. Feb. 14, 1953  
 Children  
 97. Dustin Wayne Hutto b. Oct. 1, 1977 Clearwater, FL  
 98.. Tiffanie Elaine Hutto b. Apr. 12, 1984 Tallahasee, FL  
 99.. Ryan Lewis Hutto b. Feb. 10, 1988 Winter Park, FL  
 100.. Trevor James Hutto b. Apr. 6, 1990 Winter Park, FL .

(44) Daryl Lee Craynon m. \_\_\_\_\_

(45) KENNETH Linneman m. Linda Wittke July 5, 1943 b. \_\_\_\_ d. Sept. 1, 1986  
 Children  
 101.. Daniel Linneman b. June 26, 1965  
 102. Terri Diane Linneman b. Oct. 4, 1967  
 103. Jeffrey Linneman b. May 11, 1970

(46) JANET Caroline m. George Honemann \_\_\_\_\_ b. .  
 m. Roy Krueger \_\_\_\_\_ b. d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Children

(47) LOIS Joy Lundquist m. Alan Krawczyk July 8, 1972 divorced 1981. b Oct 17, 1949..  
 Children  
 104. Elizabeth Erica Leigh Krawczyk b. Oct. 30, 1975 , Park Ridge Ill.  
 105. Heather Lauren Nicole Krawczyk b. Aug. 24, 1978

(48) DENNIS Arthur Lundquist m. Barbara Spiewack July 6 1974 b April 15 1955  
 Children  
 106. Christopher Erin Arthur Lundquist b. Jan. 27, 1977  
 107. Tara Linea Allison Lundquist b. Mar. 23, 1979  
 108 . Cheryl Suzanne Elise Lundquist b. July 10, 1980

(49) KAREN Denise Lundquist m. Jeff Magnusen Oct. 25, 1987 b. Sept. 2, 1960  
 Children  
 109. Katelyn \_\_\_\_\_ Magnusen b. Apr. 13, 1992 .  
 110. Rebecca \_\_\_\_\_ Magnusen b. Sept. 6, 1993

(50) RICHARD H., Phillips JR. m. Bernadette July 26 1969 b. Jan 18 1950 Chicago IL  
 111. Richard Walter Phillips b. July 31 1970 Park Ridge IL.  
 112. Jennifer Laurie Phillips b. Oct 3 1971 Park Ridge  
 113 Dennis Herald Phillips b. July 19 1981 Barrington IL.

(52) DONNA Blanche Phillips m. Frank Porrevecchio Jan 16 1972. b.Oct 9  
 1947

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114.. Tracy Ann Porrevecchio bDec 8 1974 Park Ridge IL.  
115. Janna Marie Porrevecchio b.Sep 17 1977 Park Ridge IL

(53) LESTER Erwin Phillips m. Barbara Lynn Rodriguez Oct 2 1974 .b. Jan 25  
1956. (1:40 am) Chicago IL  
116. Bethany Lynn Phillips b. Feb 21 1983. Park Ridge IL.  
117 Heather Laurel Phillips b Sep 3 1986. Park Ridge IL

(54) LAWRENCE Thomas Zell m Debra Anna Shireman Mar 21 1980 b. Jan 9 1956

(55) SUSAN Ruth Zell m. Thomas Blaise Solon Oct 25 1986 b, Feb 14 1961  
Children  
118. Stephen Joshua Solon b. May 10, 1988 Carol Stream, IL  
119. Daniel Timotby Solon b. Mar 25 1990 Lisle IL.  
120. Jonathan Matthew Solon b. June 29 1993 West Chicago IL.

(56) CHARLIE Walter Zell m. Doris Louise Patterson June 21 1986 b. June 3 1961  
Children  
121. Jason Andrew Zell b. Apr. 1, 1988 Carol Stream IL.  
122. Amy Rachel Zell b. Oct 7 1989 Carol Stream, IL .  
123. Jesse Victor Zell b. July 27 1994 Barrington IL.

(57) RAYMOND Ralph Rozny m. Barbara Ann McMahon Oct 28 1977 b.  
124.. Randall Lee Rozny b.July 25 1978  
125. Matthew Raymond Rozny b Sept 2 1980  
126. Michael Vincent Rozny b June 26 1983

(58) RALPH Arthur Rozny m. Mary b \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
127. Jacquelyn \_\_\_\_\_ Rozny b. \_\_\_\_\_  
128. Jeffrey \_\_\_\_\_ Rozny b. \_\_\_\_\_

(59) JOANN Louise Rozny m.Daniel Niemet Sep 22 1979 b. Mar 7 1952  
Children  
129. Jodi Lynn Niemet b. June 19 1981  
130. Carrie Catherine Niemet b.Apr 14 1983  
131. Malynda Kristine Niemet b. May 7 1985

(60) JANINE Marie Rozny m. Phillip Victor Saccameno Feb 24 1990  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
132. Phillip Saccameno III b. Feb 28 1995  
133. Vincent Anthony Saccameno b. Oct 2 1997

(61) JOHN Oswald (Rozny) m. Christine Colbenson Oct 12 1985 b. Aug 11 1965  
Children  
134. Kaitlin Christine Rozny b. May 18 1989 Lutheran General-Park Ridge 1  
135. Kelly Ann Rozny b. Dec 17 1991 Lutheran General-Park Ridge  
136. Mary Catherine Rozny b. Feb 21 1994 Lutheran General-Park Ridge  
137. Amy Lynn Rozny b.Dec 3 1998 Resurrection -Chicago IL.  
138. John Chester Rozny b. Aug 22 2000 Resurrection -Chicago IL.

(62) NANCY Ann Rozny m. Andrew Mose Aug 3 1996 b. Sep 23 1961  
139. Austin Karl Mose b. Sept 16 1997

(63) BARBARA Jean Rozny m. \_\_\_\_\_

(64) BRAD Allen Stone m. Kendall Lee Prouty Nov 21 1987

Children

140. Amanda Corrine Prouty b. Apr 5 1990

141. Wade Everett Prouty b. Sep 19 1992

142. Carly Elyse Prouty b. Jan 17 1998

(65) BRUCE Scott Stone m. Susan Jane Horton Aug 16 1996 b. Dec 16 1962

(66) ROBERT W. Ford, Jr. m. Janet Marie Barrow July 21 1984 .Feb 26 1964

Children

143. Jaclyn Rachel Ford b. July 15 1989

144. Tamara Dawn Ford b. Feb 1 1998

145. Colton Robert Ford b. July 30 1991

(67) LISA Carole Ford m. Daniel Vigil Nov 19 1989 ( Divorced ) b Feb 20 1963

Children

146. Daniel Ford Vigil b. Apr 14 1991

147.. Robert Jameson Vigil b. June 9 1993

(68) SUZANNE \_\_\_\_\_ Ford m .Perry Kroes Sept 9 1984 b. Nov 29 1956

Children

148. Lauren \_\_\_\_\_ Kroes b. Apr 7 1987

149. Todd \_\_\_\_\_ Kroes b. Apr 21 1990

(69) CHESTER M. Phillips III m. Susan Marie Jung Feb 7 1985 b Mar 8 1960

Children

150. Layne Alexander Phillips b July 27 1985

151. Evan Taylor Phillips b. Aug 9 1988

(70) CHRISTINE Marie Phillips m. Anthony Fiore Aug 29 1987 b. June 27 1957

Children

152. Mia Christine Fiore b. Dec 24 2000

(71) JEFFREY Daniel Phillips m. Bridget Ann Chmielewski June 12 1994 b. Sep 1  
1966

Children

153. Eva Sabina Phillips b. Feb 17 2004

(72) HOLLY Sue Phillips m. John Leonard Szeliga Sept. 26. 1987 b. July 6 1965

Children

154. Justina Lynn Szeliga b. Apr. 24, 1988

155. Heather Sue Szeliga b. Nov. 14, 1990

156. Hayley Sainantha Szeliga b. July 13, 1993

157. Jaslyn Lynn Szeliga b. Nov. 23, 1994

(73) ROBYN Ann Phillips m. Thomas Eugene Kereszteri May 6, 1995 b. Nov 12 1968

158. Thomas Kereszteri. Nov. 22, 1995

159. Rachel Ann Kereszteri. Jan. 12, 1998

(74) BROOKE Ellen Phillips m. Kyle Adam Marquette June 26. 1999 b. Oct 12 1965

Childre

160. Delaney Leigh Marquette b. Nov. 1, 2005  
161. Gannon John Marquette b. Apr. 16, 2007

(75) ROBERT Wilmer Phillips m. Jean Marie Olsewski Oct. 6, 2000 b. Jan 13 1975  
162. Drew Robert Phillips b. Jan. 4, 2006  
163. Carson Robert Phillips b. Jan. 4, 2006

(76) RONALD Jay Phillips Jr

(77) ROXANNE Kelly Phillips Joel Schnell b. Feh 3 1968  
Children  
164. Joel Mark Schnell b. Nov. 8, 1991  
165. Tyler Jacob Schnell b. May 7, 1995  
166. Hanna Olivia Schnell b. Nov. 20, 1997

(78) ANNE Louise Phillips m. David C. Cresswell Oct. 12, 2002 b. Oct. 21. 1976  
Children  
167. Brady Earl Cresswell b. Mar. 24, 2007 Janesville, Rock, WI .  
168. Mason Richard Cresswell b. May 17, 2009 Janesville, Rock, WI  
169. Owen Ronald Cresswell b. Mar 7 2012 Madison, WI.

(79) BRIAN Richard Phillips m. Jennifer Leigh Haas May 1, 2004 b. Aug. 1, 1980  
Children  
170. Jora Louise Phillips b. Nov. 6, 2007 Burlington, Racine, WI .  
171. Aubree Ann Phillips b. Nov. 6, 2007 Burlington, Racine, WI  
172. Leah Claire Phillips b. Jan 26 2012 Burlington, Racine WI

(80) BRAD Richard Phillips m. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

(81) MARSHALL Wells

(82) ASHLEY Wells

(83) SANDRA Lynn Hammelmann m. William Broderick Mar. 12, 1995 b. Aug. 17, 1970  
Chicago .  
Children  
173. John Nolan Broderick b. May 28, 1993 Evanston, Cook, IL  
174. Kate Garen Broderick b. Apr. 3, 1996 Evanston, IL d.

(84) ANGELA Ann Hammelmann. m. Matthew Sheriff Aug. 10, 1992 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
175. Alexander Cole Sberiff b. May 6, 1993  
176. Lila Caroline Sheriff b. Nov. 5, 2007

(85) GARY Walter Hannielmann m. Cheryl Bianco May 20, 1996 b. Mar. 6, 1980 .  
Children  
177. Ryan Michael Hammelmann b. Aug. 15, 2009  
178. Morgan Grace Hammelmann b.Jan 21 2012.

(86) MICHAEL Robert Phillips m. LaJuana McLaughlin Dec. 30, 1994 Div.  
Children  
179. Christian Michael Phillips b.Oct 24 1994 Tulsa OK.  
m. Rachelle Simis Aug. 23, 1997  
Children

180. Skyler Larry Phillips b.Jan 28 1999 Springfield MO.

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(87) CHRISTINE Ann Phillips m. Robert Dwight Reece Feb. 12, 1991 b.  
Children

181. Robert Dwight, Reece III b. Dec. 13, 1990 Hastings Nebraska .

182. Tasha Ann Reece b. Dec. 28, 1991 Hastings Nebraska  
m. Jerry Charles Dillon June 6 2006

Children

183. Jerry Tyler Dillon /stepson

(88) JASON Allen Phillips m. Dena Gayle Owens Jnn 7 2008 b.July 10 1979  
Children

184. Aubry Lomb Phillips b.May 18 1999 Tampa FLA

185. Joylon William Phillips b.Apr 18 2008 Joplin MO

186. Maisie Auriana /stepdaughter b.Feb 12 2005 Joplin

(89) JACQUELINE Leigh Phillips m. Stephen Mitchell Wiles Aug 7 2004 b.Apr 6 1979 Springfield  
MO.

Children

187. Neelia Marie Wiles b. Apr 26 2006 Monett MO

188. Ellison Leigh Wiles b.Nov 26 2008 Monett MO

189. Stephen Mitchell Wiles II /stepson b.Nov 12 2001 Springfield MO

(90) LAURA Frances Phillips m. Nicholas Elmer Pormer Sept 5 2007 b.Dec 29 1978 Springfield MO  
Children

190. McKinlee Mae b.Aug 9 2005 Aurora MO

191. Bryston Dakota Pormer bDec 14 2007 Aurora MO

192. Morgan Allie Pormer b.Apr 17 2009 Aurora MO

(91) WILLIAM Daren Penewitt

(92) JOHN Karl Penewitt m. Sandie Lynn Peterson July 26, 1986 b. Aug. 31, 1968 d.\_\_\_\_\_

Children

193. John Karl Penewitt II b. Jan. 21, 1987 Houston, TX

194. Tacie Kristin Penewitt b. Jan. 31, 1989 Houston, TX

195. Kelsie Kalyn Penewitt b. Oct. 1, 1990 Houston, TX

(93) KELLY Judith Penewitt b. Aug 31 1960 Victoria county ,Texas

(94) RICHARD Scott Haley m. Karen Marie Kost Oct. 9, 1993 b. Mar. 12, 1968 Nags  
Head, NC

Children

196. Erin McKenzie Haley b. June 29, 1995 Norfolk, VA

197. Joseph Connor Haley b. Aug. 1, 1999

(95) MEGAN Aila Gabriel m. \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

(96) DAVID James Gabriel m. \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

(97) DUSTIN Wayne Hutto m. \_\_\_\_\_

(98) TIFFANIE Elaine Hutto m. \_\_\_\_\_

(99) RYAN Lewis Hutto m. \_\_\_\_\_

(100) TREVOR James Hutto m. \_\_\_\_\_

(101) DANIEL \_\_\_\_\_ Linneman m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
198. Shannon Nicole Linneman b. June 14, 1995

(102) TERRI Diane Linneman m Steven Michael Kennedy Apr 25 1992  
b. Aug 17 1965  
Children  
199. Alyssa Diane Kennedy b. Aug. 14, 1994  
200. Brian Samuel Kennedy b June 6, 1997

(103) JEFFREY \_\_\_\_\_ Linneman m. Penny Miller \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children  
201. Brianna \_\_\_\_\_ Linneman b. Jan. 12, 2005  
202. Braden \_\_\_\_\_ Linneman b. Jan. 28, 2008  
203. Madelyn \_\_\_\_\_ Linneman b. Jan 28, 2008

(104) ELIZABETH Erica Leigh Krawczyk m. Kevin Michael Bass June  
14,2003. b.Mar. 27. 1976 Park Ridge Ill. d.  
Children  
204. Henry Owen Bass b. Nov. 21, 2005. Park Ridge IL .  
205. Madelyn Joy Bass b. Apr. 28, 2008 . Park Ridge IL .

(105) HEATHER Lauren Nicole Krawczyk m. Harry Joseph Olson May 27, 2006 b.  
Jan. 2. 1977  
Children  
206. Siena Hazel Mae Olson b. Nov 12 2010 Lutheran General Hospital .  
Park Ridge Il.

(106) CHRISTOPHER Erin Lindquist m. Jackie Skerman May 17.2003.b.Dec  
14 1978  
Children  
207. McKinley \_\_\_\_\_ Lindquist b.Mar. 18,2006 .  
208. Juno Margret Lindquist b. May 27 2009..

(107) TARA Linea Allison Lindquist m.

(108) CHERYL Suzanne Elise Lindquist m.

(109) KATELYN \_\_\_\_\_ Magnusen

(110) REBECCA \_\_\_\_\_ Magnusen

(111) RICHARD Walter Phillips m. Dianne Tosaint on Aug 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Maringo IL.  
b.Sept 19 1972 Elgin IL.  
Children  
209. Alec Richard b. Dec 5 1999 Woodstock IL.  
210 Aaron Christopher b. Dec 19 2001 Woodstock IL.  
211. Grace Adeline b. Sept 27 2002

(112) JENNIFER Laurie Phillips m. Steven Eder July 13 1992 Algonquin IL. B.  
Nov 24 1967 Chicago IL.

Children

- 212. Brett Tylor Eder b. Mar 22 1994 McHenry IL.
- 213. Trevor Joseph Eder b.July 19 1995 McHenry IL..
- 214. Emily Joy Eder b .June 29 2001 Woodstock IL.

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(113) DENNIS Herald Phillips m. Heather Lynn Woods Sept 4 2010 b.Aug 19  
1985 Youngstown OH.

(114) TRACY Ann Porrevecchio m. Joseph Frechette July 24 2004. b.Aug 12  
1972 New Hampshire

(115) JANNA Marie Porrevecchio m. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Children

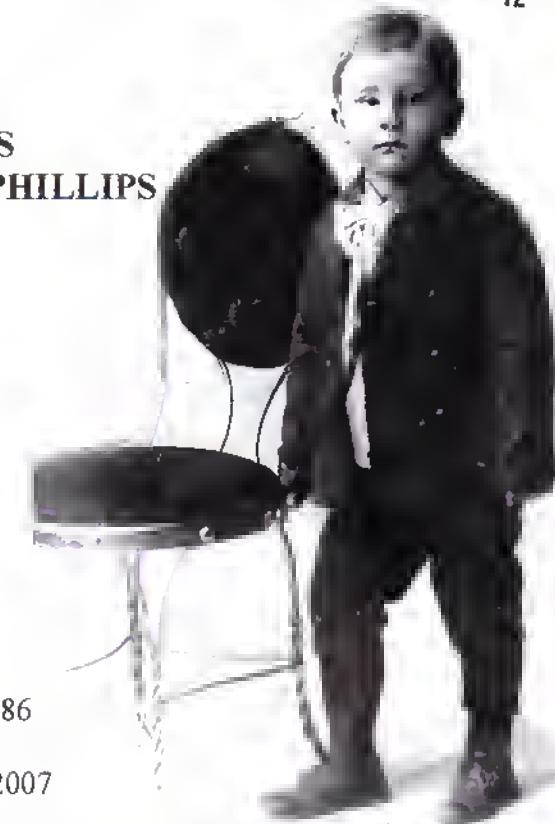
(116) BETHANY Lynn Phillips m.Derrek Helkey May 27 2011

(117) HEATHER Laurel Phillips m. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_



**(12) FRED MARTIN PHILLIPS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

Sex:	Male
Born:	June 14, 1890 - Chicago, IL
Died:	February 19, 1964 – Florida
Buried:	Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago
Father:	Walter Daniel Phillips, Sr.
Mother:	Florence (Moody) Phillips
Married:	Dora E. Ellerbrock-Ziemke
Born:	July 22, 1891 – Chicago, IL
Died:	August 16, 1987 – Peoria, Arizona
Buried:	Rosehill Cemetery – Chicago
Father:	Karl Ellerbrock
Mother:	Marie Bestman
Children:	<u>19.</u> Ralph Francis b. Dec. 18, 1914 d. Aug. 10, 1986 <u>20.</u> Majorie Marie Louise b. Jan. 9, 1916 <u>21.</u> Elaine Florence b. Feb. 23, 1933 d. Sept. 26, 2007



Fred Martin Phillips was born June 14, 1890 in the Lakeview-Bowmanville area of Chicago to Walter Daniel and Florence (Moody) Phillips. In 1892 at just 2 years old, Fred's mother died from Bright's Disease (at that time a catchall phrase for all kidney disease). Fred's father quickly married Pauline Deachie who had been employed as a caretaker for Florence and Fred. The 1900 US census shows 9 year old Fred living with his father, stepmother, Pauline, and 3 younger step siblings 13. Jeanette, 14. Walter, Jr. and 15. Marian on Oakley Street, most likely at the same address he had been born at.

In 1903, the family moved to an old farm house at Rutherford and Higgins Avenue in Norwood Park and his father, formerly a teamster, began farming the rented land. At that time, it appears that Fred began living with his grandmother, Mary Ann, then 84, on the (1) William Henry Phillips farm at Lawrence and Phillips Avenue (now Ozanam) in Norwood Park, IL.

Approximately a half mile south of Mary Ann's house lived Fred's (4) Uncle Frank and it is he who Fred always credited as raising him. Perhaps Fred's father, Walter, harbored harsh feelings towards Fred in regards to losing his 1<sup>st</sup> love, Florence, or maybe Grandma Mary Ann, a widow, needed a strong man around the house. Possibly Uncle Frank and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Edith Rowlett, childless, were eager to take on the responsibility of raising Fred as their own. In any event, the census shows Fred, days short of his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday working as a laborer on the William Phillips farm.

Just southeast of the Phillips farm at the corner of Harlem Ave. and Irving Park Road, running due east to Narragansett Ave. was the Dunning Park area of Chicago where Dora Ellerbrock was born. Dora was the daughter of German immigrants, Marie Bestman and Karl Ellerbrock. Karl died sometime around Dora's birth from black diphtheria and Marie remarried to Charles Ziemke in 1892. Fred and Dora would have been in their

early teens when they met sometime between Fred's Norwood Park arrival in 1903 and Dora's family departing to Benton Harbor, Michigan around 1903-1914. The attraction must have been strong, however, for on January 3, 1914, they were married in Benton Harbor, MI.

**Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ziemke**

announce the marriage of

their daughter

Dora

In

**Mr. Fred M. Phillips**

Saturday, the third day of January

Nineteen hundred and fourteen

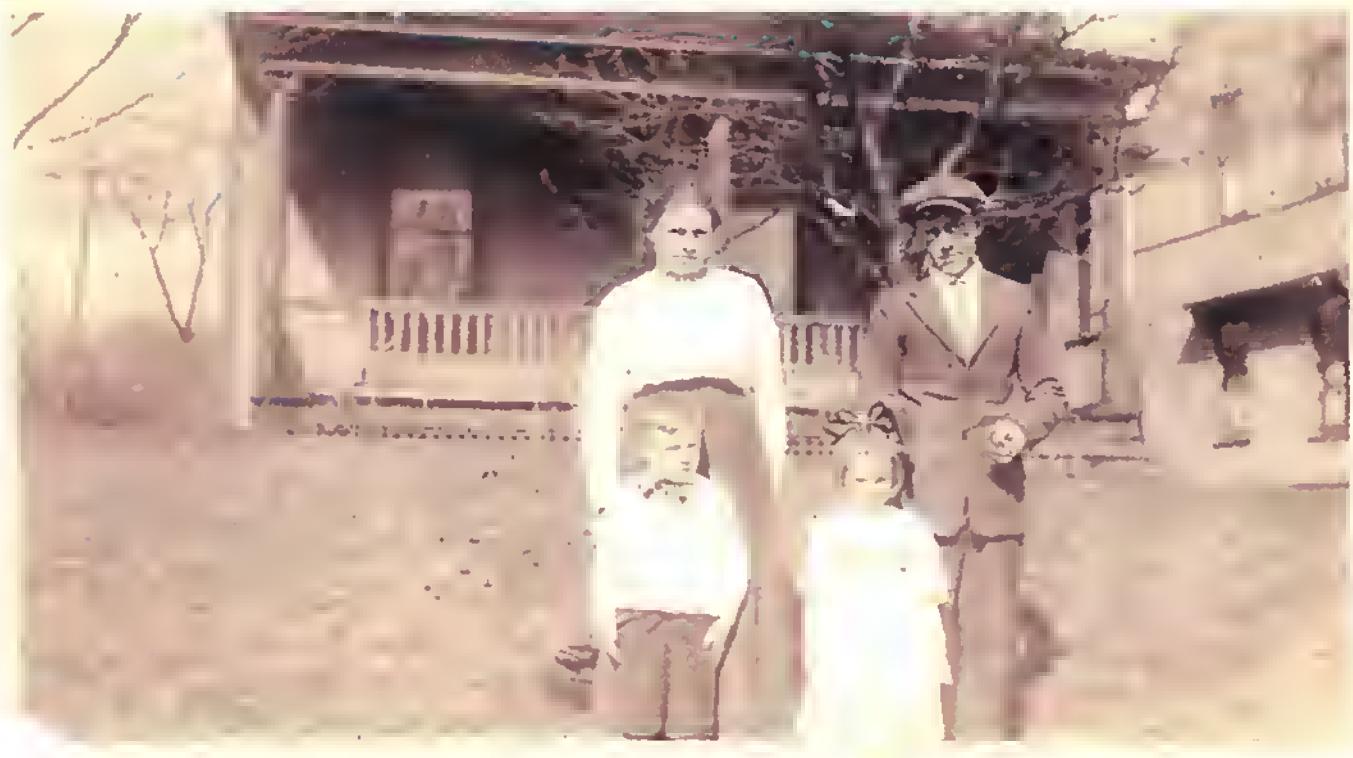
Benton Harbor, Michigan

**Phillips Ziemke--**

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ziemke on Crystal avenue when Dora, a charming young daughter in the home became the bride of Mr. Fred Phillips of Norwood Park, Ill. Rev. Haas of the German Lutheran church officiated. The bride was becomingly gowned in white crepe meteor and carried an arm bouquet of white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Martha Ziemke, who wore white silk poplin. A brother of the bride, Mr. Henry Ziemke, was best man. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips leave Wednesday for Norwood Park, where they will go to housekeeping. Many pretty presents were given to the couple who have the best of good wishes of their friends.



As the Benton Harbor Newspaper article states, the newlyweds moved back to Norwood Park, living in a rented house next door to Grandma Mary Ann, Fred back working on the family farm. There, their children Ralph and Marjorie were born, but soon they would be forced to move.



Fred and Dora Phillips with Children Ralph and Marjorie  
Circa 1920





Seeking an exemption from World War I, Fred and family moved to Benton Harbor obtaining employment in the war industry. A World War I draft registration shows Fred, Dora and children living on Broadway St., Fred employed as a core/cast maker for the Superior Foundry Company, manufacturing for the war effort. By 1920, they had moved on to LaPorte, Indiana where the census once again shows Fred still in the foundry business as a core maker, this time for the Romely Piano Company. The young couple must have been frugal for the family soon returned to Norwood Park in 1923 and bought their 1<sup>st</sup> house.

In a 1980's recorded conversation (20) Marjorie Stuke recalled the following:

"In 1923 we moved to Nottingham St. down the street from Grandpa Walter. There wasn't a house around us and our house stood up like on 4 stilts. (Laughter) I thought that was the damndest house (laughing). There wasn't any streets. There wasn't any alleys. There was nothin, - out in the prairie. A Gunderson built the house, because I used to walk to his house to deliver the mortgage payment. We didn't have a basement and my father decided to dig it out. He dug it by hand!"

Family tradition has it that Fred began farming on 20 acres of land owned by his Uncle Frank. For some reason Fred quit farming, for the 1930 US census shows him driving truck for an excavating company, most likely "Brooks", the same one his father Walter was working for at that time. In 1933, Fred and Dora had their last child, Elaine. Fred eventually went to work for the Bell & Howell Company on Larchmont St. in Chicago as he stated on his World War II draft registration. From there, he went to work for the Sun Electric Co. at Harlem and Talcott in the Norwood Park area, where he stayed till his retirement in 1953. Upon retirement, Fred and Dora moved to 5120 Argon Way South in St. Petersburg, Florida. There in 1964, Fred died from lung cancer at 73 years old.

In recent correspondence (20) Marjorie Stuke related the following about her father:

"I don't have many memories other than he was a good father, he had a workshop in the basement and made beautiful things with a lathe. There wasn't much that he couldn't fix. My brother, Ralph spent lots of time with dad fishing, hunting and playing baseball. Dad coached all the kids' baseball games and at one time he was offered an umpire job but said he wasn't good enough. Big mistake, I think he would have been good at it. Dad also worked part time helping clean the snow off the sidewalks in Norwood Park, walking behind a snowplow pulled by horses. Dad was a pipe smoker."

Dora moved to more manageable housing in St. Petersburg after her husband of 50 years died. She spent the next 23 years as his widow moving to Sun City, Arizona, close to her daughter Marjorie in 1985, 2 years before her death from congestive heart disease. Dora is remembered as kind and gentle, polite and soft-spoken, she was always interested in others and always ready to smile. She was an asset to the community and an active member of the Lakewood Methodist Church of St. Petersburg.

Dora died at 96 years old on August 5, 1987. She and Fred are buried at Rosehill Cemetery in Chicago, IL.



Dora and Fred Phillips in 1946



At his youngest daughter's wedding  
Fred, his father Walter, his daughter Elaine, his uncle Frank and his new son-in-law, John Craynon

## Bits and Pieces

### Scraps of information, traditions, & late info on Fred & Dora

Many thanks to (39) Karen Penewitt for a surplus of Family information!

Dora's Biological father, Karl Ellerbrock was buried at Union Ridge Cemetery. A wooden cross was put on his grave and eventually it deteriorated. Later, a fire at the cemetery would destroy vital records. Today no one knows where Karl is buried.

Charles Ziemke never adopted Dora, but raised her as his own. She used the name Ziemke , but signed any documents Ellerbrock.

Dora was named as "Senior Citizen of the Year" in St Petersburg and Florida. She made clothing for immigrant children on an old treadle sewing machine, and crocheted lap blankets for the elderly.

It seems that Dora spent quite some time living on her parents Fruit farm in Benton Harbor MI, Attending a German Lutheran school and watching her younger siblings, William , Henry, Martha and Herman, during harvest time. We wonder how she and Fred managed to keep a long distance Romance alive. Was it by mail? Did Fred migrate for work on her parent's farm just to stay close?



**(13) JEANETTE VIOLA  
SECOND CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

**Sex:** Female  
**Birth:** September 24, 1893  
**Death:** August 28, 1980  
**Buried:** Memory Gardens – Arlington Heights, IL  
**Father:** Walter Daniel Phillips  
**Mother:** Pauline Rose (Deachie) Phillips  
**Married:** August Ernest Albert Otto Utes Dec. 18, 1915  
**Birth:** July 20, 1892 – Chicago, IL  
**Death:** November 25, 1970 – Cook County, IL  
**Buried:** Memory Gardens – Arlington Heights, IL  
**Children:** 22. Dorothy Pauline b. Sept. 13, 1916  
23. Hazel Viola b. May 14, 1925

Jeanette Viola Phillips was born in 1893 at her parents home in the Bowmanville area of Chicago, IL. In 1907 Jeanette's family moved to an old farm house at Rutherford and Higgins in Norwood Park and began farming over 300 acres. Jeanette and her younger siblings 14. Walter, Jr. and 15. Mary Ann (Marian) finished their grammar school education at Union Ridge School but after graduation, as was the general tradition, never attended high school.



As time passed, Jeanette (often called May) learned the skills of housekeeping including knitting and sewing from her mother Pauline and no doubt helped with the farm chores during season. This coupled with helping to raise 3 more siblings, 16. Chester, 17. Robert and 18. Hazel, all born before the end of 1910, no doubt kept Jeanette quite busy. The skills she learned while on the farm and her education from Union Ridge School were not wasted, nor were her attractiveness for she soon caught the eye of a farm worker from neighboring Niles, Illinois. On December 18, 1915, Jeanette married August Utes.

August Utes was born in 1892 in the Jefferson Park/Niles area of Chicago. His father, Christian Christoph Carl Utesch had immigrated to America from Germany arriving in New York on June 9, 1880. Along with Christian were his first wife and their 2 children, Emma and William. Shortly after arriving, their 3<sup>rd</sup> child Friedaline was born in Illinois.

It appears that Christian's first wife died sometime after giving birth, for soon afterward, he married Louise Fick and they began having children. And so it happened that besides having 5 brothers and sisters, August also had 3 half siblings. In the late 1800's large farm families were more or less the norm and August would have been part of his father's homegrown labor force. Indeed, he is shown to be working on the family farm on Devon Avenue in Niles in the 1910 census at age 17.

August and Jeanette had their first child Dorothy in 1916 and according to a 1917 World War 1 draft registration form were living at 4744 W Grace St. in Chicago. The document signed by August states his employment as a Teamster.

Jeanette and August began farming on the southwest side of Harlem and Lawrence Avenues where in 1925 their second child Hazel was born. Hazel related the story of moving from farm to farm over the years, so many times in fact, that when she and her husband, Art bought their first home, she told him she had no intention of ever moving again. She never has.



*August & Hazel*

Circa 1929 - This photo taken around the time of the Great Depression shows August Utes and his youngest daughter 23, Hazel standing by his farm truck ready to go to market.

Jeanette and Gus farmed hay and vegetables for almost 30 years at one place or another always on rented land and rarely with the privilege of indoor plumbing. Times were always tough especially during the depression, but as farmers, they always had food on the table. From Lawrence and Harlem to Wolf Road, to Higgins Avenue to River Road and other farms in between, they always worked hard, loved their children, treated everyone with kindness and kept God in their hearts. Jeanette and August attended St. Paul Lutheran Church in Norwood Park for their entire married life.

In the early 1950's August took a grounds keeping job at the Park Ridge Country Club in Park Ridge, Illinois. Having stopped farming he and Jeanette bought a home in Rosemont, Illinois and there, being active with family and church, lived out their remaining years.

## Memories of (13) Jeanette Viola and August Utes



**Jeanette and her younger brother (14) Walter having fun!**

The photo booth picture above shows a confident and spirited young woman. (34) Amy Phillips related this story about Jeanette.

"In 1973, I was driving home to Des Plaines III on a Sunday afternoon on River Road. I was in the right hand lane and traveling about 3 miles over the 40 mile an hour speed limit. Suddenly in my rear view mirror I saw a car rapidly approaching from behind. I thought that perhaps I had inadvertently slowed down, and checked the speedometer for my speed. Before I could do anything else the car behind had pulled into the left hand lane and started to pass me by. As I looked to my left I saw that the driver, (both hands on the wheel), was Aunt Jeanette. Once by me she quickly disappeared down the road. She must have been doing over 60 miles per hour!" Jeanette would have been around 80 years old at the time!

(17). Robert Phillips related how as a young boy he would often go to Jeanette and August's farm to visit his older sister and his two nieces, 22. Dorothy and 23, Hazel. Later in his twenties Robert and members of his motorcycle club would ride out to the farm on weekends to hang out. Jeanette and August would often slice up a water melon for a treat and as the boys started dating would give them romantic hay rides around the farm on warm summer nights. In the winter August could be counted on for horse drawn sleigh rides. Once after spending the day cleaning out the Utes barn, hay loft and all, the boys were allowed to have kind of a barn dance and sing along. Robert said that August's younger brother Ed could really play the accordion.

In 1917 A draft registration official listed August , then 24 years old as being tall, of medium build, with blue eyes and black hair. August's nephew, 34. Barry Phillips remembers an older man and some of his playful trickery.

"I was about 7 years old and Uncle Gus would have been around 60 when I remember him and Jeanette coming over to visit my parents. He wasn't all that tall by then and he had gotten a little large around the waist and his hair had all but disappeared. He would sit on a small two person loveseat in our living room while Aunt Jeanette kept the conversation lively. He didn't waste a lot of words and was very soft spoken and had a

trusting face. That was my downfall . Much against my better judgment, I would let him talk me into shaking his hand. His big strong farmer hand! Once he got a hold of my hand he just didn't let go. It would take a good five minutes (which seemed like a lifetime) to get loose from his grip. Then, somehow he would talk me into shaking his hand again and, despite his promises of letting go, this time he would trap me. This would go on until he had figured I had had enough. He never hurt me, but boy what a big strong hand he had!"

Jeanette's granddaughter, 47. Lois sent us her memories –

As to stories, there are so many, but mostly just a sense of happiness when I was with them. I remember my grandparents on their farm, where they lived until February, 1956. As a little girl, maybe 4 or 5, I would go to the feed store in Des Plaines with Grandma so that I could ride home in the back seat of their Ford to make sure the box of chirping chicks didn't fall off the seat when we stopped. I helped her gather eggs, too. My Grandpa would take me to the barn where he let me help milk their cow. I ate fresh eggs and drank unpasteurized homogenized milk until they moved.

Grandma taught me to sew on the White treadle sewing machine that her brother Walter bought for her the year after she was married, when she was pregnant with my Aunt Dorothy. She also taught me to play piano, bake bread, homemade applesauce and potato pancakes. She was especially proud of them and commented on how their friends wanted her recipe that she had learned from Grandma Pauline Phillips. Her secret was to leave out the flour.

One day when I was there, I was sent from the house to the barn to get my grandfather for dinner. On the way, the barnyard rooster attacked me, flying claws first into my face, wings flapping. I screamed, they both came running. The next Sunday the whole family gathered at their house for dinner, which was of course, chicken!



Baby Jeanette

I can remember Grandma telling me that Grandpa first came to call on her riding a motorcycle. When he finally proposed, she said yes on the condition they would marry that year because the next year was leap year. She didn't want anyone to think she had proposed to him on Sadie Hawkins Day, and so they married on December 18, 1915.

I took Grandma for one of her very last driver's tests. I was reviewing the information and noticed that it said she was 5' 4", which I don't think she ever had been in her life. When mentioned that we should change the number, her matter of fact answer was, "That's how tall I am with my shoes on and I don't ever drive without my shoes". She was one of the most practical people I ever met.

## Boy, couldn't you just go for some Reibekuchens or Kartoffelpuffers with a little Rubenkraut right about now?

In order to make German Potato pancakes with Sugar beet syrup just like Grandma used to make you have to have two things, a good hot stove, and Grandma's secret Potato pancake recipe.

The German Potato pancake became popular in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Throughout Germany they were eaten as either a salty side dish, or sweet with apple sauce and cinnamon. They were a common menu item not just in the home, but during outdoor markets and festivals in colder seasons.

As the gas stove wasn't manufactured until 1860 it is doubtful that Pauline Phillips' mother, Christiana used anything other than a wood burning stove to teach her daughter the art of the pancake. So before we go any further, run out and get a Wood burner of your very own.



While you're out pick up the following.

Potatoes-eggs-salt-pepper-parsley-bacon-green onions-garlic powder-nutmeg- 1 lb of lard or Cisco, and last of all, don't forget the Flour.

Follow this recipe.

Pare and shred potatoes-drain off liquid when done  
Add lightly beaten eggs –enough to make potatoes moist  
Add shredded onions  
If you like, throw in some cooked bacon pieces  
Salt and pepper to your taste  
Lastly, put the flour in your pantry, to save for another day.  
Grandma never used flour. That was the secret!

\* Thanks for this recipe go to  
Grandmas Christina, Pauline,  
Jeanette, Hazel, and (47) Lois.

To cook,

Throw away the lard or Crisco and get some healthy vegetable oil  
Pour oil in a skillet and heat it up.  
Drop the pancake batter by spoonfuls, using the spoon to flatten each cake.  
Brown on each side and serve.

Add your favorite condiment

During World War One Walter Phillips Sr. grew acres of Sugar beets, so Pauline most likely topped her pancakes with Rubenkraut , along with butter, apple sauce, and sour cream.

## **BRIEF ANCESTRAL HISTORY OF AUGUST UTES HUSBAND OF (13)JEANETTE VIOLA PHILLIPS**

## Children

Christoph and Anna Maria Elizabeth had 8 children. Their 5<sup>th</sup> child was **Christian Christoph Carl** b. 1849 bapt. Dec. 23, 1949 in Steffenshagen, M-Schw, Germany

## Children

Emma 1876 Germany – 1957 Waukegan, IL  
William 1878 Germany – 1909 Cook County, IL  
Friedaline 1880 Illinois – 1961 Illinois

Alma 1885 – 1951 Illinois  
Frank 1888 – unk. Illinois  
Annie 1890 – unk. Illinois  
**August** 1892 – 1970 Illinois  
Elizabeth – unk.  
Edward 1896 – unk. Illinois



The Suevia belonged to the Hamburg-American Shipping Line. She had 1 funnel and 2 masts. August Utes father, his 1<sup>st</sup> wife and children arrived from Homburg, Germany in New York on June 9, 1880.

**(14) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS JR.**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

Sex: Male  
 Born: July 26, 1895 – Chicago, IL  
 Died: October 28, 1969 – Des Plaines, IL  
 Buried: Union Ridge Cemetery - Chicago  
 Father: Walter Daniel Phillips, Sr.  
 Mother: Pauline Rose (Deache) Phillips  
 Married: Grace Viola Harris June 18, 1921  
 Birth: March 11, 1897 - Norwood Park, IL  
 Death: July 23, 1960 - Des Plaines, IL  
 Buried: Union Ridge Cemetery – Chicago  
 Children: 24. Richard Harris Phillips b. Nov. 14, 1922  
25. Donald Walter Phillips b. Jan. 9, 1924  
26. Ruth Bernice Phillips b. July 11, 1925



In 1951 Walter Phillips Jr., then 56, started Phillips Excavating. While working for a local excavating company, he was approached by a real estate developer with an attractive offer. George Yost had plans to build subdivisions in the Talcott and Harlem Avenues area, telling Walter he could have the work if he bought the necessary equipment. He knew Walter, known as "digger" and his son, Don were tops in their trade. Walter and Don managed to buy what they needed and soon were making a profit. As demand for postwar housing grew, so did the business. Walter hired local men he personally knew and also young hard workers from within the family. Before long he had a good crew which not only included Don, but Don's father-in-law, Irv Sass, a couple of Phillips nephews and his son-in-law Bill Zell.

Walter was the hardest worker of them all and with experience and the ability to learn, made Phillips Excavating a success. Much of the credit has to go to his wife Grace who handled the books and finances with great skill. (16) Alice (Ches) Phillips recalled that when Walter loaned them money to buy their first home, it was Grace who meticulously kept records of the loan repayment down to the last penny.

#### The Path to Success

Walter and Grace made a strong team, but how did it all come about?

Walter was 8 years old when his father moved the family to Higgins and Rutherford in Norwood Park, IL and began farming. While attending the local schools, he also worked the land staying on the farm until his early 20's. Because of his age and the fact that his siblings found employment other than the farm, Walter worked the longest and the hardest for his father. Long hours in the fields taught him the work ethic that would serve him so well for the rest of his life.

## Can You Skate?

You should be able to skate, you know, it's in your blood. In the early 1900's, growing up was much different than today. Kids had to find things to do. Without very many automobiles and few radios, farm communities were close knit and very social. Folks made their own entertainment. At the bottom of Union Ridge Cemetery, stretching to Nagel Avenue was a patch of wet lowland that froze over each winter providing a suitable skating rink. The neighborhood made good use of the situation and the Phillips children were all good skaters. Perhaps it was there that Walter came to know and love Grace Harris from the Harris farm just to the west at Harlem and Higgins Avenue. Grace's Aunt Elizabeth had married Walter's Uncle Bill 35 years earlier so when Walter wed Grace in 1921, the Harris/Phillips connection became even stronger.



Walter, Grace and their first 2 children

The newlyweds wasted no time and by 1925, their family was complete. Their son, Richard was born in 1922, Donald in 1924 and Ruth 1925. Around this time, they purchased farm property on Bryn Mawr Avenue, a quarter mile west of River Road in what is now Rosemont, IL.

(52) Donna Porrevecchio told us about her grandparents

My grandfather and grandmother married in 1921 and owned a small truck farm in Rosemont (it now is office buildings and parking garages). It was a tough life during the depression. They grew vegetables which they took to market, sold at a stand on River Road, and the boys, as they got older, sold from their bikes. My dad (Donald) and siblings went to a one room school house, swam in the Des Plaines river, ice skated in the winter and had animals including horses, dogs and cats.



Walter and his two sons on his Bryn Mawr farm in Rosemont IL

In the early 40's, my dad and grandfather worked for Brooks Excavating. Rich went to the Marines in WWII and dad in the Army. Both were in the South Pacific. When they returned my dad and grandfather worked briefly for Brooks and then, with a promise of some work from a home builder, started Phillips Excavating in 1950. My dad bought the partnership when grandpa retired about 1960.



Walter and Graces three; Rich, Ruth and Don, and a big cat

After the truck farm was done, Phillips Excavating was located on the east end of the property. My grandmother still raised chickens and had beautiful flowers planted in rows where the vegetables used to be. My grandparents always had a big 4<sup>th</sup> of July party and cookout at their house. In winter we would come on Sundays with friends and go to the river to skate. The men would build a bonfire on the banks of the river.

My grandfather was generous but firm when it came to discipline. He was very hard working and was a great grandfather. He was very proud of his grandkids. As the oldest grandchild and the first to graduate from college, my grandfather promised me a car for my graduation gift. I graduated months after he passed but my dad made sure his promise was fulfilled. He would have liked it.

While the 1950's went well financially, it ended on a sad note. Earlier in the decade Walter's oldest son Rich had developed Leukemia. He fought the battle as best he could but in January of 1960 passed away. Within six months Grace also died. Walter had already stepped in to help raise his grandson Ricky, and after the double loss the two became inseparable. Walter decided it was time to retire, but soon, finding the pace too slow, bought farm land in Marengo IL as a way to stay busy.

(50) Richard Harris Phillips Jr told me more about his grandfather;

In a phone conversation I asked Ricky if Walter had taught him to operate excavating machinery. No, he replied, he would just point to a machine and say "Go ahead". He basically left me to learn on my own. When I was ten years old he took me to a job in a Chicago movie theater. It was Sunday morning and after telling me what he wanted done, he left to go have coffee. I must have done ok cause he never said differently when he came back. I pretty much learned to drive the same way, and by the time I was 13 years old, drove him everywhere. After a while he would just take a nap while I did the driving. He loved Christmas and I would always drive him to the homes of friends and family so he could visit and hand out gifts. He usually had a bottle of spirits for the adults and great toys for the young children...

When asked if he had ever seen his grandfather get angry, Ricky started to laugh. "You never heard about the time he got mad at cousin 31 Chetty?" he said. Walter had quite a temper, and when he lost it he loved to throw things. It didn't matter what, as long as it was handy. He and Chet were on a job and a track broke loose on the Catapillar. After lining it back up Walter held it together with two pry bars while Chet bolted it back together. He was young and wet behind the ears and the longer it took the madder Walter got. He tried not to lose it, but then it happened. His pants fell down! Both men lost control, Chet trying to catch his breath from laughing and Walter trying to pull up his pants and throw tools at the same time.

I asked about the farm in Marengo IL. He told me that he and grandpa would repair all the buildings and equipment, and also farmed 80 acres. My mother would wake me up early in the morning and tell me to hurry up because grandpa was outside pacing back and forth waiting for me. We farmed from first light to sun down, seven days a week. Those were long hard days, but my grandpa was a great guy!

During the 1960's Walter remarried. He missed Grace and needed companionship. He found it when he married Grace's older sister, Bernice. Unfortunately, Bernice became a widow when Walter died in 1969.

## Bits and Pieces About Walter and Grace

(17). Robert Phillips-- One time my brother Walter walked into a GMC dealership to buy a new pick-up truck for the business. He was dressed in his work clothes and the salesman must have thought he was a hayseed off the farm. He really wasn't interested in giving Walter any assistance, and of course my brother stormed out of the place. There was a Ford dealer directly across the street and they treated him alright. Walter bought a new Ford with cash and then he drove it over to the GMC dealer to show the arrogant salesman his new purchase. After that Walter always bought Fords.

(50). Richard Phillips—in the early days on the farm grandpa fell through the ice while skating on the Des Plaines River. Luckily he found an air pocket and soon located a place to break through to the surface...



Walter was a patriot. Note the U.S. flag on the front grill

(34) Barry R. Phillips – Most people never realized that Walter was born with a club foot. It affected his walk only slightly, if at all. While working for Brooks Excavating, he had lost two fingers on his right hand in the control gearing of Bay City back hoe. This was something most people noticed upon meeting him but afterwards never noticed again. He had a cheerful outgoing manner and was always interested in others. His voice and speech, far from monotone, had a pleasant rhythm and melodic quality.



Walter and Grace with family. Circa 1958

Top row-(23) Blanche and Don. (24)Rich and Eleanor. (26)Bill and Ruth. 3<sup>rd</sup> row.52. Donna. 50. Ricky.  
2<sup>nd</sup> row-Grace and Walter. Front row-55. Susan. 53. Lester. And 54.Lawrence.

**Bits and Pieces**  
More about Walter and Grace

**(15) MARY ANN (MARIAN) PHILLIPS**  
**4<sup>th</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

Sex: Female  
 Birth: Aug. 7 1898 Bowmanville/Chicago, Illinois  
 Death: Sept. 14 1990 Barrington lake, Illinois  
 Buried: Ridgewood Cemetery, Illinois  
 Father: Walter Daniel Phillips  
 Mother: Pauline Rose (Deachie) Phillips  
 Married: Raymond Albert Rozny Sept 10 1923  
 Birth: Aug. 7 1898 Bowmanville/Chicago, Illinois  
 Death: Oct 25 1975  
 Children: 27. Raymond A. Rozny Jr. b., May 2, 1924  
                  d. Nov 26 2011  
28. Chester Robert Rozny b. Aug 15, 1926  
                  d. April 18 2010  
29. Phyllis Jean Rozny b.Nov. 17, 1935



Mary Ann Phillips was born on the evening of August 7 1898, by mid wife, at the family home at 5148 W. Oakley Avenue, in the Bowmanville area of what is now Chicago Illinois. Earlier that day, on the opposite side of the street, John and Anna Rozny had their first child, Raymond Albert Rozny. Ray and Mary Ann would learn to ride their bicycles on the same sidewalks, attend the same school, and play together with the other children on their block. Perhaps the other children teased her by chanting "Mary, Mary, quite contrary", we don't know, but Mary Ann (named after her grandmother) preferred to be addressed as "Marian", or the nickname "Mame".

Marian's father, and her uncle James Ephraim Phillips, were in the teaming business doing work for the nearby Rosehill Cemetery, and other local concerns. Marian and her Siblings would have been familiar with the day to day use of the horse and wagon. Indeed, after her family moved west of Bowmanville to Norwood Park Illinois, and took up farming, the family became even more dependant on the horse and wagon.

The following story was told to us by Marians' daughter, .29 Phyllis.

As a young teenager, my mother had occasion to drive the horse and buggy to downtown Chicago. Things went well on the way in, but upon turning the rig around to head home, the horse, sensing his destination was anxious to get there. What ensued was an out of control gallop all the way back, including a run through the ditch in front of the farm house. Marians' big brother Walter was quite upset. Soon however, his concern for her safety turned to scorn as he chided her, saying that she might as well keep the animal in the barn and never use him again! A few days later, Walter had to make the same trip downtown, and the ride back netted the same results as before, including the run through the ditch. Little sister Mame would have the last laugh.

Oddly enough, when Marian learned how to drive it was in Walters's car.

The Phillips farm on Union Ridge at Sanford (Higgins Road) and Oak Park Avenues survived through thick and thin. Farm life wasn't easy for any of the family members. The children would be required to help with daily chores whenever possible, feeding horses, milking cows, or when older, planting and harvesting. They would cut rubber strips from old tires to burn with the wood used in the kitchen stove. The rubber would smoke and smell, but burned for a long while. Gone were the days of the indoor plumbing on Oakley Street, as trips to the farms' out house became the norm. Marian's father would also hire seasonal help, and he and his older brothers, William Jr., James Ephraim and Frances would pitch in to help each other out. Walter often employed a female servant to help with house duties, usually one of his wife's step sisters, Julia or Louise Brucker. Although busy, especially with the added responsibility of two more siblings being born, Marian still managed to graduate grammar school and learn sewing skills from her mother Pauline.

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On the Phillips farm

Front row: 18 Hazel, (5)Walter Daniel and Pauline Phillips, 17 Robert  
 Back row: (13) August and Jeanette Utes, Julia or Louise Brucker (Pauline's step sister),  
 and 15 Marian Phillips

As World War I approached, and sugar became scarce, Walter managed to fill box cars with Sugar Beets at the Norwood Park Train station, and still deliver Wagon loads of hay to Chicago for horse feed. Help, as always was in demand, and when Marion asked her father for the money to go to Secretarial school, a bargain was struck. Walter had worked hard all his life, and here was his chance to teach his daughter the value of a buck. Yes, he would pay her schooling, provided she deliver hay for the entire summer. Marian agreed.



Marian became part of the caravan that regularly went down Union Ridge towards the big city, stopping only to pay a farmer east of Nagle Avenue a ten cent toll. Nagle and Higgins was low, wet land and without the farmers efforts, would often be impassable. Marian handled her team of horses well, and by the following summer had graduated from the Gregg Business School.

### Changing Times

Marian began working for a law firm in the city as a stenographer, while still living on the farm. It had to be exciting, and as this photograph (probably late teens) suggests, she had become a confident young woman, capable of earning her own living. Gone were the days of farm chores, and gone were the days on Oakley Avenue. Gone, but not forgotten. Her childhood friend, Ray Rozny had been visiting the farm under the pretext of seeing her father. It soon became apparent he was there to win Marian's heart.



One month after their 21<sup>st</sup> birthdays, Ray and Marian were married.



September 10 1921

The boy from across the street.

Family tradition states that the original Rozny surname was "Narozny" of Polish origin. It is said that upon coming to America, some family members shortened their name to "Rozny", while others maintained its original spelling. Research, and handed down family tradition has led to a fair assumption of the Rozny family in the United States.

Here is what we assume.

Valentine Narozny, (b.1847, Poland) and his wife Catharina (b.1849), immigrated to the United States in 1885 with their two children, Walter (Ladislaus b.Jun 10 1878) and Priscilla (Traxeda b.1881). After arriving in America their third child Joseph (b.1887) was born. Walter and his brother Joseph had their own photo studio for most of their adult lives, and indeed seem to be the relatives/photographers spoken of in Rozny tradition. Of note, is that in his WW 1-II draft registrations, Walter Narozny, has a crippled left hand, gives his birth place as Szubin, Poland, and signs his last name as NaRozny.

Valentine Narozny was most likely the brother of Nicholas John Rozny (wife unkown), the grandfather of Raymond Albert Rozny (Marian). The two men and their families most likely made the same passage to America together. If this is correct, Nicholas John Rozny would have had his 7 year old son John Nicholas (b. Sept 10 1878) with him. Years later in 1898, John Nicholas and His wife Anna, would have their first child Raymond Albert Rozny, the boy across the street from Marian Phillips.

Information found from the census...

1910

Joudas (John) Rozny, age 31 , Shoemaker  
 Anna    Rozny, age 30, born in Illinois, Norwegian decent  
 Raymond Albert Rozny, age 11.  
 Hulda Rozny, age 11 mths.  
 Address: 5107 Oakley Street, Chicago, Illinois.

1920

John Rozny, age 41, shoe stitcher at Florsheim Shoe Company-Clinton and Adams St.  
 Anna    Rozny, age 40, housewife  
 Raymond Albert Rozny, age 21, Machinist for a tool manufacturing company  
 Beulah Rozny (Hulda), age 10.  
 Address: 3447 School Street, Chicago Illinois- owned with Mortgage

#### OF INTEREST

While John Nicholas often reported being born in Illinois, he stated his birth place as Posen, Poland in his 1942 draft registration. This plus the fact that family members remember seeing him and his father Nicholas, gives credence to the idea that they came to America together. .

### Starting out in married life.

Ray and Marian started their married life together in September of 1921. It's not known where they lived at first, or how long Ray worked at the tool manufacturing company, but soon they had two sons, Raymond Albert Jr (1924), and Chester Robert (1926). By 1930 Ray was employed as an appraiser at Litzinger Ford, on Chicago's near south side. Marian's father Walter Phillips had left farming around 1923 and moved to a home on Nottingham avenue, not far from the old farm. Sometime before 1930 Ray and Marian bought their first home directly across the alley at 5518 N Nordica.

Marian was often at odds with her mother Pauline, and at times, the close proximity of their homes just added fuel to the fire. Hazel Utes Lundquist (23) related the story of the time she and her Aunt Hazel Phillips 18, were sent on an errand by Grandma Pauline and traveled through the vacant lot next to the Rozny house. On their way, Marian came out and chastised them for doing so; saying that Pauline had purposely sent them through the lot to make light of the fact that she Marian had two boys, but no girl of her own.

Just a few years later when Marian gave birth to the daughter she had always wanted (Phyllis, 1935), she got her chance to slight Pauline in return. Instead of calling her mother to take care of her two boys, Marian left for the hospital, putting a trusted neighbor in charge. Meanwhile, just a few doors down from Ray and Marian, lived Marian's brother and sister in law. It was Alice Phillips (16), seeing the Rozny home lit up at a late hour, who informed Pauline of a new grandchild, the very next morning, resulting in a three way spat within the family.

All in all however, life on Nordica Avenue went well. Marian kept house and raised the three children, while Ray worked at Litzinger Ford as an appraiser in their used car department. It was smooth sailing for Ray and Marian, except for the times when Ray would tease her. He would sometimes remind her of the early years on Oakley Street by calling her "Mary Ann". Marian had exclusively gone by the name of Marian Phillips Rozny, and Ray knew exactly how to "get her goat".



Park Ridge Auto Repair  
316 Higgins Road, Park Ridge Illinois.

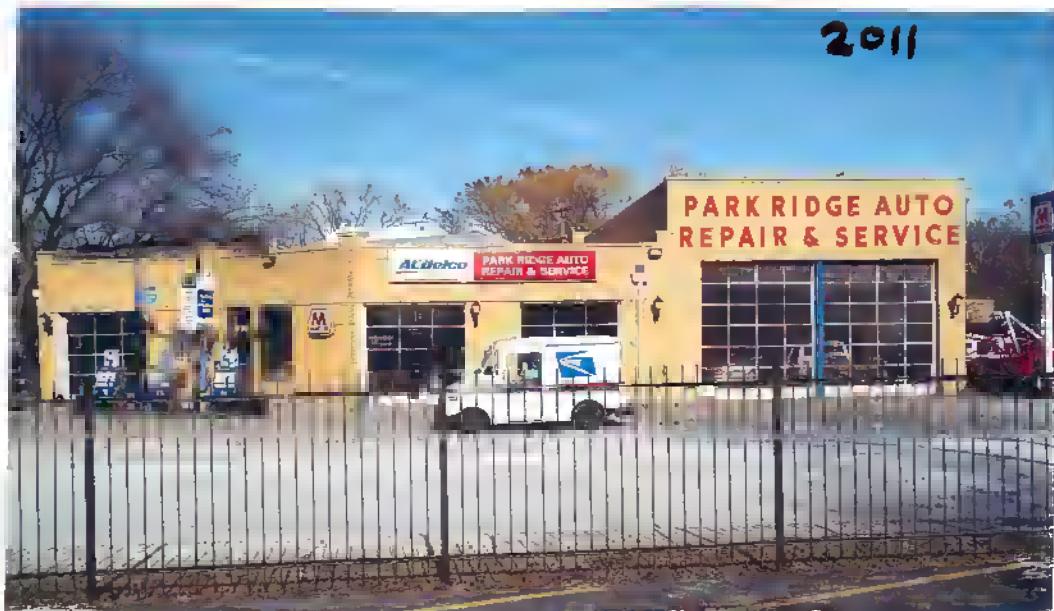
RAYMOND ROZNY & SONS  
PROPRIETORS



Some time in the early 1940's, Ray and Marian bought a piece of land on Higgins Avenue in Park Ridge Illinois. It had a small commercial building with a fair sized home behind it, on a large plat of land. Ray intended to utilize his two sons to open an Auto repair shop, with the idea of joining them after the business grew to a comfortable level. Soon however, Ray's employer, Litzinger Ford got wind of the fledgling business and of his involvement. They considered it a conflict of interest and quickly let Ray go. Ray told his boss in no uncertain terms that they couldn't fire him, and that he was quitting. For a short period of time Ray worked for the war effort at Douglas Aircraft at orchard field, but soon joined in the business he had started.

In 1942, the War Production Board of the United States of America purchased a plot of undeveloped Cook County prairie land called Orchard Place. The 1,790 acres of flatland was well suited for a huge airplane factory the government needed for the production of Douglas, C-54s, during World War II. The airport was known as Orchard Place/Douglas Field. In 1949, the airfield became Chicago O'Hare International Airport.

Ray and his sons were in the right place at the right time. The construction of O'Hare Field, just a few miles west of their location, and the John F. Kennedy expressway, running from Chicago to O'Hare Field, right past their door, insured their business would survive. The repair business grew, and gas pumps had to be added to meet the further demands of the areas post war boom. The repair building itself grew, with building additions and more overhead doors being necessary.



Ray and Marian moved into the home directly behind their business, from which Marian did the paper work, and kept the books. It was there that they lived the rest of their lives, Ray dying on October 25 1975 of cancer and Marian on September 14 1990.





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**(16) CHESTER MARTIN PHILLIPS**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

Sex: Male  
Born: February 12, 1905 – Chicago, IL  
Died: October 21, 1977 – Chicago  
Buried: Union Ridge Cemetery – Norwood Park, IL  
Father: Walter Daniel Phillips, Sr.  
Mother: Pauline Rose (Deache) Phillips  
Married: Alice M. Hammelmann July 20, 1933  
Born: July 20, 1911 – Chicago  
Died: March 20, 2005 – Norwood Park  
Buried: Union Ridge Cemetery – Norwood Park, IL  
Father: Otto Hammelmann  
Mother: Dorothy Jacobs  
Children: 30. Diane J. Phillips b. June 20, 1934 d. April 2, 1997  
31. Chester Martin Phillips, Jr. h. Jan. 7, 1939 d. Aug. 13, 1979



Ches on the Phillips Family Farm at Rutherford & Higgins

Ches Phillips was the 5<sup>th</sup> child of Walter Daniel Phillips, and the last child born in the house on Oakley Street, in the Bowmanville -Chicago area in 1905. Ches spent his early years helping with farm chores and attending the local grammar school in Norwood Park. Family members describe Ches as a high spirited, adventurous young boy, one who acted spontaneously on any idea that tickled his fancy. Although sometimes mischievous, he was always a polite nice young man absent of any mean qualities. In short, he was just a free spirit.

By his mid teens, Ches had graduated from riding bicycle over farmland and through the Union Ridge Cemetery across Higgins Avenue from the Phillips farm to riding a small Harley Davidson Motorcycle. He must have ridden it hard and far, for in 1921 he gave the Harley to his younger brother, 11 year old Robert on the condition that "if they could get it to run Robert could have it". Perhaps this was the moment when the brothers found their aptitude for mechanics for Ches soon got a job as tow truck driver for Goy George Ford on Chicago's south side rapidly moving up to auto mechanic. By 1925, Ches had gotten Robert a job as mechanics helper at the same dealership. It was this act that would bind the two tightly together for the rest of Ches' life.

By 1932, Ches and Bob had become the head mechanics in Goy George's auto facility performing the most difficult repairs that came in, Ches being an expert on engines and transmissions.

Ches had also become an expert at wooing a young woman from the Norwood Park area. After competing several years for her hand, Ches married Alice Hammelmann on July 20, 1933. By 1939, Alice had given birth to the couple's two children, Diane and her younger brother Chester, Jr., and had moved to a home at 5464 Nordica in Norwood Park. There, Ches and Alice would spend the rest of their lives together.

The great depression took its toll on many businesses and by the early 1940's the Ford dealership had closed its doors leaving its employees without work. The two brothers, both with families to support, never missed a paycheck. They found a small repair building for lease at North and Grand Avenues in Chicago. Although owned by Shell Oil, they subleased the property from its current lease holder, a railroad employee and mechanic named George Pricster. George would go on to eventually start Palwaukee Airport in Wheeling, Illinois so while Ches and Bob made a modest living at "North Grand Auto Repair" they also had occasion to work on railroad locomotives and airplane engines.

By the 1950's the area had really grown and Shell Oil decided to put a gas station at the prime location of North and Grand. Having spent a decade working in the dimly lit building, heated only by a small wood burning stove in one corner, the brothers decided to build a new repair shop. Once more, not missing a beat, Ches and Bob reopened North Grand Auto Repair just 3 blocks west at 4722 W. North Avenue, Chicago.

Ches spent the remainder of his career at this address until his retirement in 1970. He had had enough of getting up early, working all day and then going to bed early. He felt it

was time to enjoy his remaining years. He did just that. He adapted to retirement as gracefully as any man ever had, content, happy, friendly and outgoing to all whom he met. Ches died in 1977. His wife Alice had said he was just "worn out". His widow would survive him by 28 years.



**Ches and Alice on their wedding day in 1933**

*Ches's daughter-in-law (31) Juanita Phillips related the following memories about Ches.*

My father-in-law: Chester was, in my opinion, a very congenial, smiley and happy man (like all the Phillips men). I understand he had another side to him when he was fixing cars. I have never heard him swear but heard he had a few "cuss" words down at the shop. My father died suddenly when I was 17 years old and in high school. When I met Chet, Jr. and decided to get marry, I asked my father-in-law to walk me down the aisle. I know that was not proper etiquette, but I did it anyway. I have no brothers. I believe he was thrilled and proud to do it. He did smoke, but not too much of a drinker – perhaps a drink at a family function. Alice did not have many relatives of her own and she and Chester were always invited to my family's gathering and there were many.



*More of Juanita's memories*

Chester still had his son's Harley 150 cc motorcycle stored in his garage and he would take it out and ride it around the neighborhood – with Alice hanging on in the back. In those days, you had to get a new license plate every year and they were always new colors. Chester would take the license plate off and paint it the current color so he would not have to buy a new one. My son, Chester, III, still has that 1950 Harley and has had the whole thing refurbished. It's a beauty! In the early years, I understand that Chester and his brother Robert would ride together on one motorcycle to work each day. Gasoline was at a premium.



**Ches and Bob on their way to work (circa late 1920's)**

I believe Chester was a “family” man. He and Alice would be there for their children and grandchildren. They loved to travel and Ches and Alice often took trips with his brother Bob and wife, Bernice. I am sure they shut down the North Grand Auto Shop for a week or two and off they would go. As far as the shop, I was told their finances were two boxes on the desk. One was for “in” and the other was for “out”. How’s that for simple business? It worked. Two men raised six children with that method.

I believe that Alice and Chester were truly in love and had a very happy marriage. He “wooed” her through letters while she was in Wisconsin during the summer months with her Aunt’s family (I have the letters).

*The following memories were related by Ches's nephew (34) Barry Phillips*

My earliest memories of my Uncle Chester are at age 6 or 7, when he would stop by to pick up my father on their way to work at North Grand Auto Repair. We would be eating



Taken at the Phillips farm around 1915, this photo shows Chester M. Phillips (right) and most likely his older brother, Walter Daniel Jr.



breakfast when he would arrive and he would always sit to my left. He would light a cigarette and I always got to blow out the match. He would usually tease me about one thing or another and seemed to really enjoy doing so.

In high school I would spend some of my summer days doing odd jobs at the shop. The ride to and from was always a lesson in proper driving. Ches considered himself an expert at using a standard shift transmission. As he drove he and my father would comment on how smoothly he managed to shift through the gears. Whenever I drive a standard transmission, I always say to myself "how would Chester do this?"

Once we arrived at work, storm clouds often followed my uncle through the days' tasks. God forbid he would bang his hand (which he often did) with a hammer. He would jump back and actually count each finger of both hands while letting loose a string of cuss words the likes of which the world has never known. The way he linked words and phrases together was sheer poetry. If nothing else, Ches possessed basic good old common horse sense and he knew that after a couple of minutes of venting his anger he could calmly go back to the work at hand. I never heard Ches cuss or saw him lose his temper outside of work. There, he was completely different, always smiling, and always happy.

I learned a lot about mechanics and a lot about life from my Uncle Ches. At times, if I acted as a sassy teenager, he would ask if I knew "why they don't send mulcs to school". Eventually I learned the meaning of the answer "because nobody likes a smart ass".

One of Ches's greatest passions was the lawnmower. In the spring, as people would put their lawnmowers out for garbage pickup after finding they would not start, Ches would take them home and get them running. Often, Ches would take a rest break down at the shop and spend a few minutes cutting the grass. It was just another way for him to calm down.

Every so often on a Saturday morning my father and I would go to Ches's house for haircuts. I realize now that this ritual most likely started as a young Ches cut his little brothers hair when both lived on the Phillips farm. As we'd pull up, Ches would usually be fixing a lawnmower or using one to cut his grass. In good weather, we would sit on his screened back porch while Ches gave us our trims. I always wondered how two men who worked together five days a week could find anything at all to talk about, but their conversation was always nonstop. Ches and Boh were more than brothers and coworkers, they were very close friends.

**ALICE MYRTLE ISABEL HAMMELMANN**  
**Wife of (16) Chester Martin Phillips, Sr.**  
**b. July 20, 1911 d. March 20, 2005**

Alice was born the daughter of Otto Hammelmann (Germany) and Dorethea Rubina Jacobs (Melbourne, Australia). In 1918 at the age of 7 years old. Alice lost both her parents, her father to the flu pandemic and her mother to suicide. Alice remembered relatives attempting to calm her mentally unbalanced mother "Ruby" in the period shortly after her father's untimely death.

Alice ended up living with her Uncle William F. Hammelmann and his wife, Elizabeth. Alice remembered her aunt Lizzy as treating her unkindly, most likely because of Alice's Jewish roots. William Hammelman operated a grocery store in Norwood Park on the southeast corner of Neenah and Northeast Circle. Although never adopted, Alice considered her cousins, Myrtle and Wilfred as sister and brother. Myrtle in particular paid special attention to Alice and was considered by Alice to be the closest thing she had to a mother.\*



Alice M. Hammelmann  
 "Sukey"  
 Language: German 3, 4;  
 French 4.  
*Her eye was large and dark,  
 suppressing half its fire  
 Until she spake.*



Alice grew up in Norwood Park attending the local grammar and high schools. She was known to be intelligent and not afraid to speak her mind, a trait that stayed with her for the rest of her life. Her sincerity and outgoing personality made her many friends.

After high school, Alice began working as a secretary in downtown Chicago. She seems to have been quite popular with the boys and had several who wanted to marry her. During her dating years, one young man seemed to stand out above all others. Perhaps it was the dates to the amusement parks and the thrill rides or a winter's evening of ice skating, but soon Chester Phillips won Alice's heart. It wasn't as easy as it sounds for Alice has said that she actually gave Ches an ultimatum of marrying her or she would look elsewhere.\*

\*Phillips Family DVD "Alice Phillips in 56 Minutes of Pure Grandma"



## ALICE PHILLIPS IN HER OWN WORDS

Written July 11, 1993

This octogenarian is full of a lot of negativism. The year 1911 to 1993 has contained so many advancements in all sections of my life and not to real morale.

The First World War brought many changes in war instruments and aids that eventually trickled down to peacetime improvements - airplanes and radios, for example. I remember in the '20's watching my mother sit late at night bundled in a blanket listening to her "cat-whisker" radio. "Bundled up" because the furnace had been stoked or kept low in coal till morning when my Dad would hustle it for radiator heat for the family's comfort.

School (Grammar) was only a few blocks away and so no one was driven to school - feet were made for walking. Although my husband related walking several miles across farmland to the Union Ridge School to Norwood Township. During severe winter weather, his Dad would convey the kids by horse and buggy. We all had the highest respect for our teachers. Their word was law and parents backed them up. Adult opinions were not revealed to the children.

My life proceeded as was to be expected in the early years. Church, school, graduation and employment until marriage, if and when. Not too many of my acquaintances went to college. The 1929 Depression decided that grants and loans were unheard of. Schurz High School had 4 year courses and 2 year courses. The 2 year courses emphasized subjects that would fit the scholar for the labor market at 16 years of age. Bookkeeping, typing, shorthand, English, comptometers and adding machines (all manual) were taught. The students were largely from immigrant families and the Depression emphasized the need for increased family income. Young people used public transportation to school and work.

I am demonstrating my life in this small community on the outskirts of Chicago. To leave Norwood Park we rode the buses (not fancy ones), took the Northwestern train to Chicago Loop or walked down Raven Street to the Milwaukee Avenue "Toonerville Trolley" that eventually extended to Niles, Illinois.

There were no movies in Norwood Park. We had to invent our own amusement (not TV couch potatoes). Church picnics, hayrides, sleigh rides, ice skating parties, picnics, mostly sponsored by churches, and some Community center dances.

Sports, a football team, was presented by a men's "Billiken Club" not Afro-American. The billiken figure or logo resembled a fat Buddha. We were not concerned with race. We had two Negroes in town, one was a houseman for a local doctor and the other was Cicero who had a team of horses used for snowplowing or foundation digging. Cicero supported a family in a huge old house of uncertain vintage down by the station. He did this work well into the 1940's. All the children loved him. At one time there was "action" to displace him, but the town ministers put a stop to that.

I married in 1933 after having done secretarial work for 4 years. My married life was busy being a housewife and mother and all that that entailed: cooking, canning, child-raising, and home furnishing. The Parent Teacher Association (National) was instrumental in presenting classes or meetings to feature mental hygiene, cooking, sewing, even to making lampshades. During the Depression, the PTA sponsored the milk drive when the poorer children were provided with milk at lunch time or recess time because it was not available at home. This life was wonderful - we all helped one another without question. Hand-me-downs were common in the line of clothing and snow boots. Now we call it "Recycling"! Our children could walk or bicycle to school without fear of molestation. We all enjoyed an average life - normal housing, clothing - no big luxuries. Vacations were not expensive but within our limitations. We'd carry a campstove and have simple meals. Dad would handle the campstove. Lodging was a cottage, no fancy motels, and (non-existent). Frugality was our middle name. Vacations were out of our pocket - no paid weeks off! It was a simple wonderful life.

Then World War II (1941) changed things. All supplies went to war, meaning no or few new appliances, yard goods, (material for sewing), new car tires or new cars at a premium. This was another time of ability to do a lot with little or less. At school there were boot exchanges and winter clothing collections. Diaper service was unheard of. Flannel was made into diapers that were boiled and hung out to dry. Who had dryers? We were lucky to have washing machines! Toys for the children were old ones repaired (bicycles, especially). The new drugs developed in World War II saved my son's life. At three years in 1942, he developed influenza meningitis and was transported by city ambulance to the Contagious hospital on Chicago's South side. There he was treated for 10 days with sulfa drugs, no crisis to disease, may be alive one day and dead the next. The drug saved his life. An acquaintance told me many years later her daughter died of the same thing, without that drug, at a private hospital. Well, my children progressed normally with the usual ups and downs and married wonderful mates and had beautiful children.

Then the ax fell when my husband was worked out and died after 6 years of retirement. One learns to cope, precious church and life training has fitted one for personal losses. It was hard to lose my mate but living with dignity and dying as a vegetable has to be a choice. Less than 2 years later, I lost my son through plain greed of construction firms and OSHA neglect when the Rosemont Horizon Center roof collapsed. Chester Jr. was 40 years old and 1 of 5 workmen killed instantly. This has all been documented. GREED, we always have with us.

Reconciliation of my husband's and son's death has not been easy. Two choices. Carr on or be a Loony! I have adjusted to single status and pursue my hobbies, etc. Life is much slower and I just hope I live long enough to do all the things my health and finances allow. Be thankful for every day and accept a slower pace. Appreciate your spouse and children. Perfect marriages to me would be a bore. There has to be give and take - maybe it is called communication. Family unity is irreplaceable! Live for today - tomorrow never comes! Your own conscience cannot be denied. Amen!

#### MY NEGATIVES

People should not demand or expect immediate gratification of their desires. Things are more appreciated that take longer to attain! Take time to smell the roses! Respect other races and cultures but try to stay within your won confines. I still favor marriage and not a try-out period. It's too easy to walk away from a relationship. Often an illegitimate child will bear the punishment, no father or extended true family. Men and women in marriage should have only the children they can afford! Birth Control! Illegitimate children are often the means for added single parent income Abortion is the answer to sloppy self control!\*\*

In her widowed years, Alice would often be found walking on Higgins Avenue just a short distance from her Nordica address. She would have breakfast a couple of blocks away at the Starlight Restaurant with other women her age and later in the day she could be found having dinner at Dino's Restaurant closer to her home. Alice was a popular figure in the neighborhood. Her sincerity, wisdom and youthful mind made her a favorite to those of all ages in the community. It was said that she often "held court" at these restaurants and was lovingly known as "the Mayor of Higgins Avenue". On March 20, 2005 Alice Phillips passed away at age 93.

\*\*Thoughts of Life by Alice Hammelmann Phillips

## BITS AND PIECES

### Ches and Alice Phillips

*Ches's mother (5) Pauline was said to be quite upset when Ches told her he was going to marry Alice. Walter and Pauline were retired at the time and used to getting the majority of Ches's paycheck to help with their expenses. Ches moving out would effect their lifestyle. Pauline also suspected that Alice could be pregnant – something that Alice has said could not have happened until their wedding night.*



*Ches & Alice vacationed often with brother Bob & Bernice. They boated on weekends and took many short trips together. The big one pictured below was to Europe.*



**(17) ROBERT HERBERT PHILLIPS  
6<sup>TH</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

Sex: Male  
 Bom: July 18, 1910 – Chicago, IL  
 Died: July 25, 2003 – Burlington, WI  
 Buried: Acacia Park Cemetery – Norridge, IL  
 Father: Walter Daniel Phillips, Sr.  
 Mother: Pauline Rose (Deachie) Phillips  
 Married: Bernice Alberta Dillman – Sept. 26, 1935  
 Bom: August 10, 1916 – Chicago, IL  
 Died: December 15, 2000 – Racine, WI  
 Buried: Acacia Park Cemetery  
 Father: Wilmer Gustav Dillman  
 Mother: Rosa Bertha Dundore  
 Children: 32. Robert Wilmer Phillips b. Mar. 29, 1936  
33. Ronald Jay Phillips b. Feb. 26, 1940  
34. Barry Richard Phillips b. May 1, 1945  
35. Craig Adam Phillips b. Jan. 25, 1957



*One day, while a sophomore in high school, my English writing teacher asked me to follow her out of the classroom and into the hall. Once outside, she closed the door and informed me that my last essay assignment was the best of the class. I was a poor student and was quite pleased at the news. It was then she told me that she didn't believe I was its' author. The essay's theme was, "The person I admire the most", and of course I choose my father. My teacher then asked me to explain how I had written the paper. For the next ten or fifteen minutes I told her about my dad. How even with hands made huge from years of mechanics he could repair any item regardless how small. I told of his interest in everything that was going on in the world around him, and of his passions and his loves. How he was a good worker, a good husband, and a loving father. I said that I had never seen my father cruel to another human being and watched as he made friends of all who met him, and like the humorist Will Rogers, my dad never met a man he didn't like. As I talked, I could see the expression in my teachers eyes change. When I told her that had I not been his son, and only gotten to know him somewhere else in life, he would still be the person I admired the most, she apologized, and we went back into class.*

On July 18 1910, Robert H Phillips was born a few minutes ahead of his twin sister Hazel, at the Phillips farm on Higgins road at Rutherford Avenue . He would spend his first thirteen years there, and then, when his father Walter retired from farming, live with the family on Nottingham Avenue, not far away. He would enjoy moderate success his entire life, first working at a car dealership, then as a self employed auto mechanic. He married his wife Bernice in 1935, and raising four sons, also managed to care for other family members as well. Throughout his married life he lived in five different residences, the last a summer home he had personally built years before. It was at this home where Robert and Bernice eventually passed away, she in 2000, and he in 2003.

My fathers' parents and siblings called him "Robert". although his brothers would use "Rob" from time to time. His "little sister Hazel" would often call him, her, "big brother Robert". Everyone else in his life, except his sons, knew him as "Bob". He was half of "Bob and Ches," of North Grand Auto Repair "and half of "Bob and Bernice" who entertained so many friends and relatives throughout the years at their place on Browns Lake in Burlington, Wisconsin.

As a young boy on his fathers' farm, he would whittle objects from wood. His mother would cherish each miniature plane, automobile, boat or animal by placing them into her China cabinet. He would make the long trek to Union Ridge Grammar School, with his siblings, chasing down rabbits in the open fields along the way. He would help out with menial tasks on the family farm, often keeping fire watch on the crops as hot air balloons floated in the distance, east towards Chicago.



*The Walter Daniel Phillips farm house at Higgins and Rutherford*

He was curious as to how things worked. He would become absorbed in his curiosity to the point of being oblivious to everything else around, especially when it pertained to mechanics. When he was 11 years old his brother Ches told him he could have a small Harley Davidson motorcycle if he could only get it to run. He soon was riding the bike through the farm fields and up and down the areas' dirt roads. He had found the first of his passions, mechanics and motorcycles.

## My Fathers' Life Philosophy

I once teased my father about the fact that he had not learned to walk until he was 18 months old. He simply replied; "Why should I have bothered? Everyone was so willing to carry me." Throughout his life my father would apply only the effort needed to accomplish the task at hand. Whether performing a difficult repair or taking an easy stroll, he never seemed rushed, yet one would have great difficulty in doing either one in a faster time.

Bob joined a motorcycle club in his late teens, riding on outings as often as he could. A warm summers' ride, a picnic, and a hill climb competition were often the clubs' idea of a great day. He told me that more often than not he would win the hill climb trophy. I asked him how? "Easy" he replied. "Everyone would take off like the devil to get to the top, and would fall over, half way up. I'd just take my time, giving it just enough throttle to keep it moving. Before you knew it, I was on top"



In 1932 and 1934 Bob and a few motorcycle pals made long trips west to Yellow Stone National Park. The pavement ended at the Iowa Illinois border and the group would only average 30 miles per hour from then on. They would set up their tents, start their camp fires and repair their machines on the side of the road. On a good day they would spend the night in a barn of a friendly farmer. Dad would often tell the story of the great South Dakota breakfast that he had eaten for only 35 cents!

And so it seems that by the early 1930's, in his early twenties, my fathers' life philosophy had taken root.

*Don't let every little thing bother you,  
and while completing the journey is important,  
It's the ride that really counts!*

It wouldn't be long until Bob met Bernice Dillman, a girl with a philosophy of her own.

## Bernice Alberta Dillman

Wilmer and Rose Dillman were living at 1146 School Street in Chicago, when their only child Bernice was born on August 10, 1916. Rose was a Dundore. Her ancestors had come to America in 1741. They had fought in the American Revolution and the Armerican Civil War, and had been farmers and entrepreneurs, stockbrokers and ministers, teachers and yes, even chicken pluckers. The Dundores had evolved in step with America. Wilmer Dillmans' family immigrated in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century eventually ending up in Chicago. Wilmer was a salesman and would be all his life, and he and Rose determined to give their daughter the best that life had to offer. They moved to a rented house at 4655 N. Campbell Avenue and enrolled Bernice in the nearby Pilgrim Lutheran Grammar School, on Winchester Avenue. Bernice attended Norwood Park Grammar after her parents moved to 5852 N. Harlem Avenue in Norwood Park, Illinois around 1922. There, she excelled in her classes and competed in athletics. She would save her track ribbons for the rest of her life. In her spare time she would attend the Harriet Dall School of Dance, learning ballet and modern dance.

Bernice attended Roosevelt High School in Chicago and Norwood Park Lutheran Church. During the summers of her teenage years she would travel with her dance troupe, performing at venues throughout the midwest, and as often as possible accompany her father on nearby sales trips. At the time, Wilmer was representing a millinery manufacturer, selling women's accessories, hats in particular. There, rushing from one place to the next, watching her father ply his trade, she learned about dollars and cents, profit and loss, and the "art of the deal". Throughout her life Bernice would exhibit the business savvy she learned at her fathers' side. She would also exhibit an incurable restlessness, an unstoppable drive if you will, to get to the next destination.





At 17 years old, Bernice was intelligent, self assured, graceful and quite attractive. She was, as teens often are, slightly rebellious and highly spirited. She was ahead of her time, a go getter. A young woman ready to move on. Imagine her parents dismay when Robert Phillips came courting the apple of their eye.

## The Romance Begins

Bob and his twin sister Hazel were the babies of the family. Their nearest sibling in age was five years older, and their furthest was 18 years their senior. As twins they were the darlings of everyone, receiving endless affection. They were close, doing everything together, and so Bob grew up as comfortable with talking to women as to men.

He was a dandy who loved attention, and Bernice was just his kind of gal. When introduced by mutual friends the two hit it off right away. Dad would recall picking mom up from dance practice on an early date. "Your mother wouldn't sit side saddle like the other gals." He said. "She just hiked up her skirt and hopped on like one of the guys." Before long Bernice would purchase a pair of riding pants and the couple would become inseparable. He loved to go on motorcycle rides and she, jumping on the back, was anxious to go somewhere.



My father was 25 years old and my mother just 19 when they were married,  
September 26, 1935.

And so began the tug of war of philosophies. Bernice had total confidence in Bob and would encourage him forward towards their desired goals. Bob in turn would throttle back Bernice's desires to reasonable expectations. Together they always moved forward. It was in this manner that their relationship worked so well, for over 65 years.

## Moving On

The newlyweds moved in with the Phillips family on Nottingham Avenue and soon (a little too soon) their first son Robert W. was born. The news of their second child most likely encouraged them to move to their home on Mont Claire Avenue, just south of Higgins Road, where Ronald J was born in 1940. There they managed to earn a living in the war time economy of World War II while having their third son Barry R., in 1945.



5412 N. Mont Claire Avenue (2010)

Although men much older were being called into military service, Bob was fortunate and wasn't called to serve;

*My mother gave different reasons why her husband had never been called, either one, or both may have been true. There were no automobiles or spare parts being produced during war time and thus, Bob's occupation was considered vital to the national economy. Indeed, he did manufacture many engine parts for his customers on a small metal lathe. Mom also told the story of how, while making a mortgage payment on their Mont Claire home, she informed the bank president that it would probably be the last one and they would have to default on the property. Bob was sure to be called for service almost any day. The bank president showed great concern, and told her not to worry, that he knew someone on the draft board and it would be taken care of. In today's information age, finding Draft Registration documents is fairly simple, but I've never been able to locate my father's.*

At wars end, perhaps cramped for space the growing family had a new home built on New Castle Avenue. It would be the second of three homes built on land that once was farmed by Bob's father, Walter Daniel Phillips. The stay didn't last very long, for soon in 1950 they were forced to move again.

Bernice's father had been paralyzed by a crippling stroke and he and Rose needed shelter. Using land that the Dillmans' owned, Bob and Bernice built a large brick home with an inlaw apartment at 6927 W. Berwyn Avenue, a short distance from their New Castle Avenue home. There they lived for almost 20 years, welcoming the birth of their 4<sup>th</sup> son Craig A. and mourning the death of both Bernice's parents.



5313 N. Newcastle Avenue (2010)



6927 W. Berwyn Avenue (2010)

When their son Craig graduated from grammar school Bob and Bernice bought a two-flat building at 743 N. Northwest Highway, in Park Ridge, Illinois; to take advantage of the fine school district. There they stayed until Bob's retirement in 1980.



Above- 743 Northwest Hwy, Park Ridge, Illinois. (2010)

Below- The first cottage Bob and Bernice built on Browns lake, Wis. (grey building on right) and, the second of their cottages , their retirement home (still under construction)  
Circa 1964-65



## North Grand Auto Repair

The great depression and the onset of World War II had taken its' toll on Goy George Ford, and they were forced to close their doors. After over a decade of work, Bob and Ches would have to find new employment. The brothers decided to go into business for themselves. They leased a building on a pie shaped piece of land at North and Grand Avenues, there starting , "North Grand Auto Repair." Their landlord George Priester, worked for the railroad, but would later open a flight school called Priester Aviation in Wheeling Illinois. The boys would sometimes pick up repair work on locomotives and airplanes. They stayed in the shop for almost a decade when in the early 1950's Shell Oil Company would make George an offer he couldn't pass up. Bob and Ches would have to pack up the tools and move to yet another location.



*The boys of Goy George Ford-1925-30  
Bob front row left, Ches front row right*

Bernice suggested that Bob and Ches would be better off building a new repair shop of their very own. She had checked the finances and thought that by staying in the same area, they would have no problem paying the bills. The brothers, tired of working in a building with just a pot belly stove for heat, and very poor lighting, agreed that it sounded like a good idea. Bernice had her cue. She began searching the North Grand area for a suitable location. Upon arriving home one evening Bob was told that she had found a perfect spot to build. He told her if it was all that good they might want to move on it right away. "Don't worry" she said, "I've already put a thousand dollars down on it."

The new "North Grand Auto Repair," was completed in the summer of 1953. Bob and Ches would spend the rest of their working lives at 4722 W. North Avenue, in Chicago.



*North Grand Auto Repair, circa 1953-4*

*4722 West North Avenue, Chicago*

*Photo taken from North Avenue facing Keating Avenue.*

## Bob and the automobile

Bob often spoke of how lucky he was to have been born in an age that saw so many inventions and advancements. From the early Wright brothers airplane to space flight and man walk on the moon, to the Model T Ford and its' evolution to the sleek automobile of today, he was able to watch it all unfold. The automobile was his favorite of course, and here is a story he wrote about it.

### Favarette car

<sup>1916</sup>  
an old Ford gave good transportation to my brother's family + they went to work as a farm truck + there was left with no body, just a flat bed.

That's what he gave it to me. About that time (1924) the Ford was to make a speedster, ~~so~~ to make a Model T look like a Shely Bearcat. This was done by moving the gas tank back + lowering the steering column.

I had a lot of fun for while + my friend who had made one like it.

Then the Ford wore off. One day I saw a buggy behind my Uncle Will's blacksmith shop, a surrey ~~car~~ with leather covered fenders + a top with fringe ~~that~~ ~~one~~ the I knew that was the body for my 1916 T model.

The body fit to a T. The steps or ~~steps~~ running boards just ~~had~~ cleared the rear wheel + fenders ~~went~~ way up in back, gas tank fit under the front seat + the correct dash fit well to Ford dash. It even had a wiper socket with long buggy wiper. An it was a fine paring!

## Automobile memories continued;

It was lots of fun, and I even drove it with a campaign banner on back - Letzinger for Mayor when Edward R. Letzinger, owner of Ed's Garage longer Ford dealer ran against William Hale Thompson.

In my time I have owned 12 Ford & 3 Mercury, but this is the one I remember well.

I not sure ~~whether~~ this was is my favorite car or is it my 1988 Crown Victoria?

One cold November day in 2002, I learned that Bob had been having trouble with his 1988 Ford Crown Victoria. I thought I might visit him on Peninsula Drive and see if I could help. Once there, I found my 92 year old father at work, under his automobile in the garage. In 1970-73, I worked with Bob at North Grand Auto when his brother Ches retired. He taught me mechanics, a trade I would use for the rest of my working life. There, side by side, in the cold, dimly lit garage, we made the repair. Even though 30 years had passed, the enjoyment of working next to my father hadn't faded. That cold November day is one of my fondest memories of my dad.

## The Golden Years

Sometime early in their marriage Bob and Bernice became devoted to boating. Bob built his own speedboat, a Chris Craft look alike, which he powered with a ford engine. It was sleek and fast and could usually be found on Lake Geneva, WI and Fox Lake, IL. It would be the first of several boats built from scratch and it would lead the family to want a lake front cottage at which to dock. The chance came in 1955.



On a piece of land on Browns Lake, in Burlington Wisconsin, Bob and Bernice built their first summer cottage. It was a one room box, set on a concrete block footing. On weekends it was always filled with company. Friends and family would always be invited on weekends, for water skiing, swimming, badminton, good food and friendly conversation. As time went by rooms were added on, first a screened porch, then an extra bedroom.

In 1965 they bought a larger property next to their own, and there built their second cottage, a much better building with a full basement and more lake front footage. They were now adding grandchildren to the list of weekend visitors, and took great pleasure in giving pontoon boat rides to one and all.

In 1980 my father retired, and soon he and my mother would call 4312 Peninsula Drive home. They would continue entertaining their many friends and were known and liked by many in the area. Bob loved living on Browns Lake, but many times he would say that he had never imagined retiring there. I think Bernice knew all along.



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**(18) HAZEL HENRIETTA PHILLIPS**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> CHILD OF (5) WALTER DANIEL PHILLIPS**

**Sex:** Female  
**Born:** July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1910-Chicago, IL  
**Died:** Dec. 2, 2005 Arlington Heights, IL.  
**Buried:** Union Ridge Cemetery, Chicago, IL  
**Father:** Walter Daniel Phillips Sr.  
**Mother:** Pauline Rose (Deache) Phillips  
**Married:** Wilfred Heinrich Hammelmann, Oct. 19, 1942.  
**Born:** Jan 30, 1906. Meeme, Manitowoc, WI.  
**Died:** May 7, 1996. Chicago, IL.  
**Buried:** Union Ridge Cemetery, Chicago, IL.  
**Father:** William Friedrich Hammelmann  
**Mother:** Elizabeth Oshe  
**Children:** 36.Gary Allan Hammelmann. b. Feb. 14. 1951.



Hazel Henrietta Phillips was the 7<sup>th</sup> and last Child born to Walter Daniel Phillips, arriving just minutes after her twin brother. While all her siblings would live on the family farm at Higgins Avenue and Rutherford, she and Robert were the only ones to be born there. Hazel would spend the first 13 years of her life as a farmer's daughter, attending nearby Union Ridge grammar school, playing on the farm, or in the Union Ridge Cemetery, located across the road from the Phillips' farm house. Like her sisters, she became a seamstress, learning skills passed down through her mother, Pauline. She would do her share of farm chores, one of which was feeding the chickens, and collecting their eggs.

Around 1923, in his late 50's, Walter Phillips retired from farming, and moved his family, along with the chickens, to a single family home just a few blocks west on Nottingham Avenue. By this time, Hazel had graduated from Union Ridge grammar school, and had begun attending Maine Township High School in Des Plaines. Hazel and her siblings had grown accustomed to the long walk from the old farmhouse along the ridge to their grammar school, but Maine was just too far.

Originally built in 1902, at 1557 Thacker Street, Des Plaines, Maine Township high school was much more convenient for students living in Des Plaines, than those in Park Ridge, or worse yet, Norwood Park. By this time Edward Manual, a veterinarian, had departed his horse and buggy service, and his livery stable, and started United Motor Coach, serving the area. He ran a morning and afternoon route to the school, at the time boasting over 200 students. Many would also catch the train out of Norwood Park and Park Ridge. Hazel and her twin, Robert, may have had access to an old farm vehicle, we don't know. We know that Hazel attended high school longer than Robert, but we really don't know the extent of her education.

By 1935, Hazel was the only one left at home with her parents. In their 60's Walter and Pauline were in good health, and Walter was in fact, still working various jobs. Hazel would watch over their health, take in occasional sewing work, and make daily trips to the chicken coop in the back yard. Soon she would also be making daily trips to the front porch.

#### GIRL ON THE FRONT STEPS

Ches Phillips, Hazel's older brother, had attended school in the Norwood Park area and had become friends with another neighborhood boy, Wilfred Hammelmann. As time went on Ches took a liking to Wil's cousin, Alice Hammelmann, and eventually married her. Even so, Wil and Ches, good friends by then, continued to hangout together, and would often walk down Nottingham Avenue. Hazel did her best to be sitting on the front porch stairs when they came by. The pretty young girl, pictured on her bicycle had grown to be a beautiful woman in her twenties, and knew that Wil was her kind of guy.

There was a reason why Wil enjoyed his walks so much.  
On October 19th 1942, he and Hazel were married.

Wilfred Heinrich Hammelmann was born in Meeme (Sheboygan area), Wisconsin, on January 30 1906. His father William Friedrich Hammelmann (b. 1868) had immigrated to America in 1883 at the age of 15. In 1898 he married Elizabeth Oshe from the Cleveland area of Manitowac County, Wis. and soon the couple had their first child, Wil's older sister, Myrtle Eva Marie, in 1889. In 1908 Wil's family moved to the Norwood Park area of Chicago, where his father opened up a grocery and meat market business . Wil grew up working in the family store. When his father retired, closing the business, Wil took up other occupations. While living at 6111 N Harlem Avenue, in Norwood, he was called into service and entered the Army Air Force on April 9 1942.



After Basic training Wil was stationed at the MacDill Air base in Tampa Florida. Once there he was sent to work in the base PX store, keeping records, ordering merchandise and handling the tool inventory. Years spent at his father's store must have made these tasks easy. Once settled in, he came back home on leave and married Hazel. It was short notice, and Hazel, putting her seamstress skills to use, managed to make her own wedding dress in about one week. The newlyweds went back to MacDill together, where Hazel got a job working for the war effort sewing military garments. Hazel's supervisor, weary from trying to teach each new girl how to sew, was thrilled at her new worker's abilities, and Hazel soon became her favorite.

## OFF TO WAR



In August of 1943 Wil was transferred to Harding Field, Louisiana, and then to Camp Pontchartrain La., for fire fighting training with the 2154 Engineer Aviation Fire Fighting Platoon, of the 9<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force. (2154<sup>th</sup> EAFFP), 141<sup>st</sup> NY XIX Tactical Group.

There, at the rank of Sgt. E-5, he was put in charge of a crash truck, and sent to Ashford Royal Air Force station in Ashford, England. Hazel was sent back home to Norwood Park, where she continued to watch over her parents, and took care of her ailing, widowed mother-in-law, Elizabeth.

Wil arrived in England less than two months after the 9<sup>th</sup> Army Air Force had arrived, with 3500 aircraft, mostly fighter planes. Their assignment was to gain air superiority over France in preparation for the Allied D-Day invasion. They took casualties, and Wil must have seen his share of planes crash and burn, but by June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944 the skies had been cleared. A short time later, the 2154<sup>th</sup> EAFFP set foot in Normandy, and following the action, leap-frogged their way east through France and Belgium, quickly building temporary air bases as they went.

Allied troops pushed towards Germany and its last natural defense, the Rhine River.

March 1945 - Bridge at Remagen



Dubbed the "Miracle of Remagen," the capture of the Ludendorff Bridge opened the way for Allied troops to drive into the heart of Germany. Over 8,000 men crossed the bridge in the first twenty-four hours after its capture as engineers frantically worked to repair the span. The German Army Command desperately attempted to destroy the bridge by bombing it and having divers mine it.

Shortly after the 2154<sup>th</sup> crossed the Bridge at Remagen, it collapsed. Wil always said that it was a very "shaky old bridge."

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Some where in England  
June 27 - 44

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I guess you married some  
old time. I write a few lines  
thing is going along nicely.

Honey,

I am giving you a happy birthday -  
even if it is a little early. Sorry I can't get you  
a nice gift like I usually do. But under these  
conditions you will have to forgive me. I am  
sending this money order as your present this  
time. So you get yourself something you would  
like to have. Next year I'll make up for it.

So many happy returns! The day Hazel  
and many more to follow. I'll be with you  
for all the rest of them. I love you Honey.

Sweet Kisses from your Hubby Wilfred

P.S. My mail to day. I guess the mail is  
rather bawled up since D-day. Honey you keep  
on writing even if you don't hear from me every  
day. You don't know what a letter really  
does for a fellow over here. I wonder when all  
those packages you mailed will arrive. I'll  
bet they will be plenty late. My watch is  
keeping real good time. How are the tires  
holding out on you. Will they be ok for our  
honeymoon or will we need new ones.

Myself close Honey Sweet Dreams.

I love you I love you See you soon for  
Sweet Kisses - Wilfred your Hazel

The GI's letter to home, now a family heirloom, tells a great deal about its writer.

Courtesy of Gary and Kathy Hammelmann

## ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION

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HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <b>HAMMELMANN WILFRED H</b>	2. ARMY SERIAL NO. <b>36 329 708</b>	3. GRADE <b>SGT</b>	4. ARM OR SERVICE <b>AAF</b>	5. COMPONENT <b>AUS</b>
6. ORGANIZATION <b>2154th EAFFP</b>	7. DATE OF SEPARATION <b>21 Nov 45</b>	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION <b>SEPARATION CENTER Fort Sheridan Illinois</b>		
9. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES <b>5521 N Nottingham Rd Chicago Ill</b>	10. DATE OF BIRTH <b>30 Jan 06</b>	11. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Memee Wis</b>		
12. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT <b>See 9</b>	13. COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	14. COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	15. HEIGHT <b>5 11</b>	16. WEIGHT <b>166 LBS.</b>
18. RACE <b>X WHITE</b>	19. MARITAL STATUS <b>X MARRIED</b>	20. U.S. CITIZEN <b>YES X NO</b>	21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO. <b>Sales Clerk Grocery</b>	

## MILITARY HISTORY

22. DATE OF INDUCTION <b>9 Apr 42</b>	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT <b>9 Apr 42</b>	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE <b>9 Apr 42</b>	25. PLACE OF ENTRT INTO SERVICE <b>Chicago Ill</b>
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <b>YES X NO</b>	26. REGISTRED <b>140</b>	27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. <b>Chicago Ill</b>	28. COUNTY AND STATE <b>Chicago Ill</b>
30. MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. <b>Fire Fighter</b>		31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.) <b>383 None</b>	

## 32. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS

Normandy Northern France Rhineland Central Europe

33. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS Victory Medal American Theater Ribbon European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon W/Four Bronze Battle Stars Three Overseas Service Bars One Service Stripe Good Conduct Medal

## 34. WOUNDS RECEIVED IN ACTION

None

35. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES	36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U. S. AND RETURN
SMALLPOX IMM Oct 43 TYPHOID APR 45 ST TETANUS FEB 44 OTHER (specify)	DATE OF DEPARTURE 28 Dec 43 DESTINATION ETO DATE OF ARRIVAL 9 Jan 44
37. TOTAL LENGTH OF SERVICE	38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD
CONTINENTAL SERVICE TEARS MONTHS DAYS 1 8 23 FOREIGN SERVICE YEARS MONTHS DAYS 1 10 20	SGT
24 Oct 45 USA 17 Nov 45	

## 39. PRIOR SERVICE

None

## 40. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION

Convn Of Govt RR 1-1 (Demobilization) AR 615-365 15 Dec 44

41. SERVICE SCHOOLS ATTENDED	42. EDUCATION (Years)
Fire 1943	Grammar 8 High School 1 College 0

43. LONGEVITY FOR PAY PURPOSES	44. MUSTERING OUT PAY	45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS	46. TRAVEL PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER
YEARS MONTHS DAYS 3 7 13	TOTAL \$ 300 THIS PAYMENT \$ 100	None	\$ 1.30	273.37 LELAND E RICE CAPT FD

IMPORTANT IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CLOTHES OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.									
48. KIND OF INSURANCE <b>Nat. Serv. U.S. Govt. None</b>	49. HOW PAID <b>X Allowment Direct to V.A.</b>	50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance <b>30 Nov 45</b>	51. Date of Next Premium Due <b>(One month after 50) 31 Dec 45</b>	52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH <b>\$ 7.70</b>	53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO <b>Continue Continue Only Discontinue X</b>				

54. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Dir. clvies)
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55. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <b>Wilfred H Hammelman</b>	56. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature)
<b>L K GRINAGER 2nd LT INF</b>	

## Everybody's Favorite

Hazel was the last of Walter Daniel's children to be born, and being a girl, was the absolute favorite of her siblings. Her oldest, Fred Phillips had been born twenty years earlier, and so, by the time Hazel was a young girl she would often be charged with taking care of a niece or nephew. All would remember her with fondness. Indeed, some of this writer's best memories are of a boy of four or five, getting to spend the night at Wil and Hazel's house on Nordica Avenue. They were such fun, and Hazel would spoil me with special servings of Graham Crackers and milk while I watched my favorite television show.

Their grand children would experience the same as they grew up. (83) Sandy Broderick would relate; "We loved going over to Grandma and Grandpa's House. We would make "Grandma Dahl Cookies", from a recipe gotten from the Dahl family across the street. It was a cross between a sugar cookie and a short bread cookie and the dough was awfully hard to mix. After supper we would add the mixings, and Grandpa would sit in the corner and hand mix the batch, as it wasn't that easy to do. Then we would leave it in the refrigerator overnight to cool. The next morning we would start to bake, and when they were finished, have quite a treat. It was almost magical."

The grand parents would often come to visit their son and his family. Their visits were often predictable, as Hazel would chat and play with the children, while Wil, fond of the Chicago Cubs, would watch the ball game. Without fail, he would miss the final innings, having fallen asleep on the comfortable couch. And thus, Wil and Hazel would live out their lives; content with all the blessings they had been given. They had lived modestly, a good roof overhead, a good church to regularly attend, and a loving family, who in their golden years saw that they were well taken care of.



Hazel Phillips with her niece  
22. Dorothy Utes

## The last of walter Daniel Phillips' children

Wilfred Hammelmann Died on May 7<sup>th</sup> 1996. For almost 90 years he had been healthy, and then, after a brief period of illness, he succumbed to old age. As he had lived, he had died, peacefully, quietly, in his sleep.

Hazel lived another nine years without Wil. As time went by she grew weaker, and had to live out her last days in a Wheeling Illinois, nursing home. There, becoming more confused with time, she relived old memories. She would tell her family about the visits she had received earlier in the day, from her brothers who came on horseback. Hazel had gone back to her parents farm on Higgins Avenue. She had of course out lived all her siblings, and on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005, at the age of 95, passed away peacefully.

Wil and Hazel are buried at Union Ridge Cemetery, in Norwood Park, where Hazel had once played as a young girl.





Walter and Pauline Phillips  
55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
1948

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5. Walter and Pauline Phillips
12. Fred and Dora Phillips
13. Jeanette and August Utes
14. Walter and Grace Phillips
15. Marian and Raymond Rozny Sr.
16. Chester M. and Alice Phillips
17. Robert and Bernice Phillips
- 18 Hazel and Wil Hammelman
19. Ralph and Eleanor Phillips
20. Marge and Bill Stuke
21. Elaine Phillips
22. Dorothy and Fred Linneman
23. Hazel and Art Lundquist
24. Richard and Eleanor Phillips
25. Donald and Blanch Phillips
26. Ruth Phillips
27. Raymond and Catharine Rozny
30. Diane Phillips
32. Robert Phillips
33. Ronald Phillips
34. Barry Phillips
39. Karen Stuke
40. Beryl Stuke
41. Lynn Stuke
45. Kenneth Linneman
46. Janet Linneman

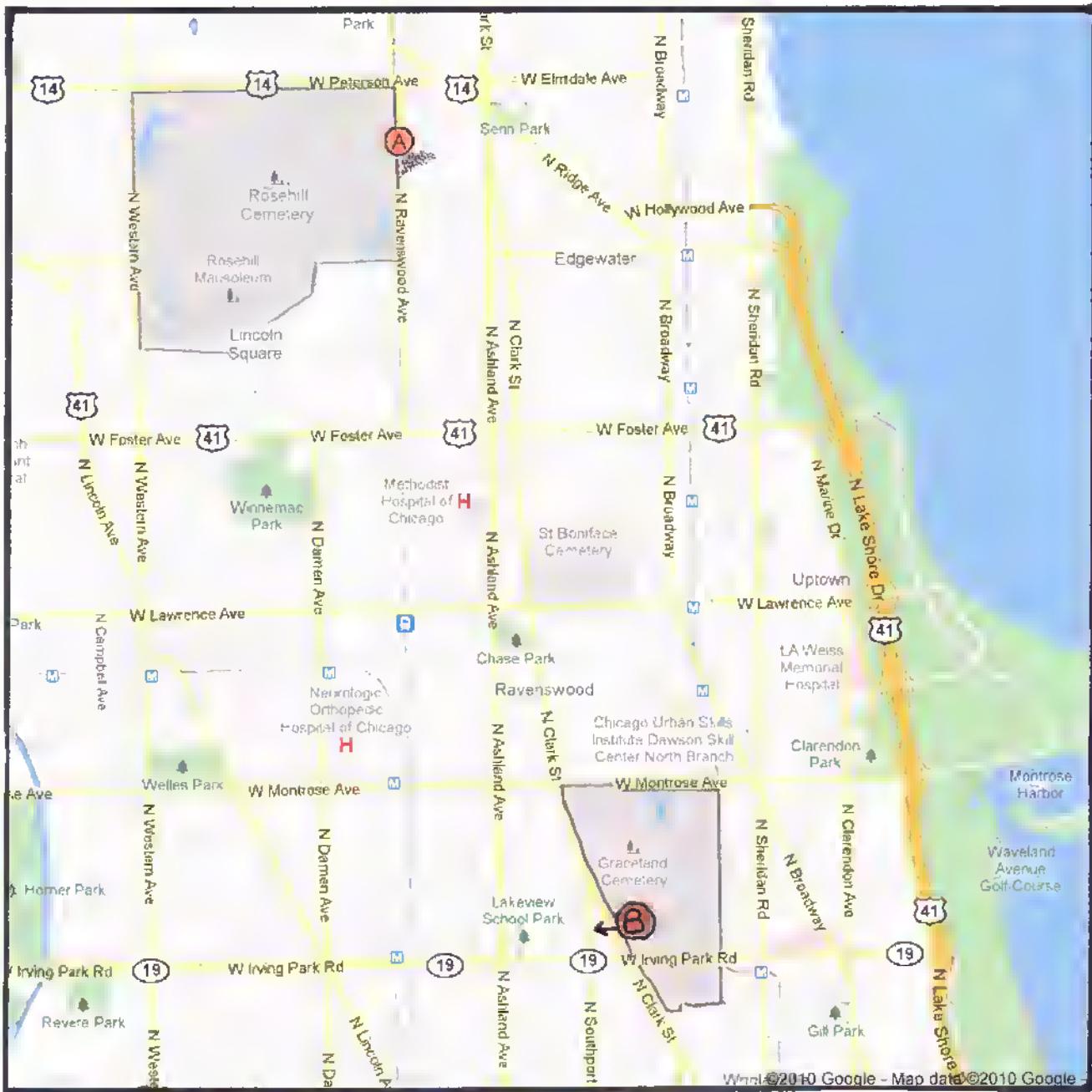
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## ROSEHILL CEMETERY





*Rosehill Cemetery*



*Graceland Hebrew Cemetery- William and Mary Ann Phillips lived in the caretakers cottage from about 1856 to 1871, having four sons and a daughter.*

*Rosehill Cemetery, on the western outskirts of Edgewater at 5800 N. Ravenswood, is one of Chicago's oldest nonsectarian cemeteries. The 330-acre property is bordered by Western, Peterson, Ravenswood and Bryn Mawr/ Damen/ Bowmanville Avenues.*

By the late 1850s, the death rate of Chicagoans was taxing the capacity of the municipal cemetery located on the lakeshore at the south end of what is now Lincoln Park.

In the wake of typhoid and cholera epidemics, it was also determined that using the site for burials presented a danger to the growing population of the city. Because of the high water table, diseased bodies buried there were transmitting disease through the city's drinking water, which was taken directly from the lake. A petition by concerned citizens and the testimony of Doctor John Rauch led to a decision to relocate the graves outside the city limits, which then ended at Fullerton Avenue.

Seven miles north of the city limits lived a stubborn farmer by the name of Hiram Roe. Atop the highest point in the area, his farm was commonly known as "Roe's Hill." One of the reasons his land thrived was because, when it rained, it was one of the few farms that didn't turn into a swamp.

A group of investors led by Chicago's first mayor, William B. Ogden, had already bought up many of the farms and tree nurseries surrounding Roe's Hill. But Hiram wasn't about to sell his farm to a bunch of politicians and big shots from the city. It wasn't until Ogden promised the farmer that the cemetery would be named in his honor that Roe finally relinquished and sold his land.

The City Clerk's office, however, mistakenly spelled the name "Rosehill," at least according to one version of the story. Another version insists that Ogden and Roe finally agreed to drop the apostrophe and flip-flop the "e" and "s", yielding a softer, more appropriate appellation for a cemetery.

Rosehill, dedicated in 1859, is one of the oldest private cemeteries in Chicago. Its site is the highest elevation in the city and the second highest in all of Cook County. It is one of only three cemeteries in or near Chicago organized under a perpetual charter, granted by the Illinois Legislature, which guarantees its absolute permanency. Per the State constitution, all cemeteries organized since 1870 do not and cannot possess a perpetual charter, and are liable to interference at any time.\*

## A Visit to Our Past

A visit to Rosehill Cemetery containing the largest amount of our Phillips' ancestors is time well spent. Viewing the graves of so many of our ancestors gives one cause to think. Indeed what little we know of each person buried there raises questions many of which can never be fully answered, yet at the same time what knowledge we do have gives us a rather warm, familiar view of each life and the times in which they were lived.

Mary Ann Phillips is listed as the lot's owner, and though The cemetery staff can not tell us when the graves were purchased we can assume it was in 1887.

The very first entry on the Phillips plat record shows the burial of an infant of James Ephraim. James had some business associations with Rosehill and likely helped Mary Ann get a discounted price. This is not the oldest death however. Buried between William and Mary Ann is their fifth child, their infant Daughter Birdie, who died in 1868 but was most likely buried at Rosehill the same time as William Henry Sr. in 1892. She is interred with a small simple sandstone marker inscribed only as "Birdie". One can imagine William Henry, Sr. and Mary Ann holding their infant daughter for the 1 day she survived, perceiving her as a small helpless bird, perhaps as she made similar chirping sounds. As she most likely died in the caretakers cottage at Graceland Hebrew Cemetery she was probably buried there first.

It seems William and Mary divided the grave sites between their 4 sons thus creating how the graves would be laid out. In the center of the lot stands a tall stone monument, perhaps 15 feet tall. On the western face of the monument the names of and dates of William and Mary Ann are inscribed. On the western lot line directly in line with the monument is the marker for Birdie between her parents William to the south and Mary Ann to the north.

To William's south is Elizabeth Harris Phillips, her husband William Henry, Jr. and their daughter, Myrtle. In line with Mary Ann's grave to her north are the graves of her son Frank J., his second wife Edith, and Fred and Dora Phillips with their daughter Elaine. Having considered his Uncle Frank as the man who raised him, Fred's placement seems appropriate. (As of this time, Elaine's ashes have yet to be interred.) Frank's first wife, Effie Shaw, who died in 1900 is not present. She is buried at Union Ridge Cemetery with the Shaw Family.

Alone in the far northeast corner is Florence Moody, Walter Daniel Phillips' first wife, Fred Phillips' mother. To her south are buried Christina Brucker, her daughter Pauline (Walter's second wife) and then Walter Daniel Phillips. Perhaps Walter intended to be buried next to Florence, but was placed otherwise by his surviving family, we will never know. One can't help but feel sad for her. Knowing something of the hardships in Christina Brucker's life also causes concern for her grave is without headstone.

Continuing south along the eastern lot line several small infants are buried in shared graves. Of the 6 buried there, only a marker inscribed "Willie" is present. In the southeast quadrant are located the graves of Frank C. Phillips, age 12, his parents, James Ephraim and Elizabeth Collett Phillips, their daughter Rose, followed by their son-in-law and daughter, Charles and Annie Mathis. Although Rose Phillips, who lived as a spinster with her father till his death, has a marker inscribed with her date of birth, her grave remains empty.

Burial at Rosehill was considered a status symbol. Interments included industrial giants, mercantile moguls, fiery evangelists and politicians aplenty, who erected magnificent monuments as testaments to their life achievements. The cemetery was planned as a state-of-the-art, landscaped memorial park. Complete with miles of winding roads and walkways, shimmering lakes, stately oaks and sprawling lawns, it would be a place where people could escape from the city and picnic in a pastoral, idyllic atmosphere. It was a concept that had come into vogue in Victorian England, when crowded churchyard cemeteries there failed to accommodate ensuing generations.\*

INT. NO.	NAME	AGE			LOCATION				DIED
		YR	MO	DA	N.	E.	S.	W.	
25986 1/2	51143 1/2				HRS				
21032	PHILLIPS CHILD OF JAMES	-	-	11		3.5	17.3		2/28 1887.
51142 1/2									
25987	" WILLIAM	-	8	-		3.5	17.3		4/9 1890.
51144 1/2									
32259	" VIOLA	-	8	-		3.5	17.3		4/27 1892.
32255	" WILLIAM HENRY	63	-	-		19.8	7.7		5/30 1892.
33492	" FLORENCE	22	6	1	24	4.6			7/5 1892.
33889	" CHILD OF WM H	-	-	-		22.0	5.5		
55456	BRUCKER CHRISTINA B.	50	-	-	108	4.8			4/4 1903.
67768	MATHIS CHARLIE	-	-		HRS				
				11		0.75	17.3		5/7 1911.
68316	PHILLIPS ELIZABETH C.	52	1	3	29.8	10.5			9/13 1911.
69825	MATHIS ROY M.	-	4	15		2.0	20.8		8/15 1912
70717	" CHILD OF ANNIE AND CHARLES	-	-	-		2.0	20.8		3/2 1913.
71706	PHILLIPS FRANK C.	12	-	-	27.0	10.5			10/1 1913.
	(C.B. 7.4 X 2.8.)								
97651	" MARY ANN	101	10	3	19.8			7.2	12/29 1928.
114485	" WILLIAM H.	80	6	20		13.2	7.2		7/3 1939
118451	" ELIZABETH.	82	3	9		16.4	7.2		3/11 1942
127643	" JAMES SR (OMN 7.5 X 2.8)	87	2	21	32.8	10.7	19.3		4/7 1948
127988	WAGNER LAURA JEAN (HON 9.6 X 1.6)	1	-	8	"	3.5	14.0		7/11 1948
131176	MATHIS CHARLES P. (WIL 7.5 X 2.8)	66	-	-	38.8			19.3	10/15 1950
140105	PHILLIPS FRANK J. WIL 7.4 X 2.7	94	-	-	16.8			7.2	6/24 1957
145082	" WALTER D. SR. STER. 7.5 X 2.8	95	-	-	16.8	4.5			4/10 1961
147538	" PAULINE STER. 7.5 X 2.8	86	-	-	13.8	4.5			3/4 1963
147893	MATHIS ANNIE M. WIL 7.4 X 2.7	77	-	-	41.8			13.3	5/13 1963
148773	PHILLIPS FRED M. STER. 7.5 X 2.8	73	-	-	10.8			7.2	2/19 1964
157798	" EDITH M. MONT 7.5 X 2.8	85	-	-	13.8			7.2	10/19 1971
160516	" MYRTLE MONT #23 CRSTN	84	-	-		10.2	7.2		5/17 1974
171187	" DEBBIE B.	94	-	-	8.0			6.0	8/15 1987

----Birdie

\* Excerpts from Roe's Hill revisited by Kathy Gemperle and Sandee Remis

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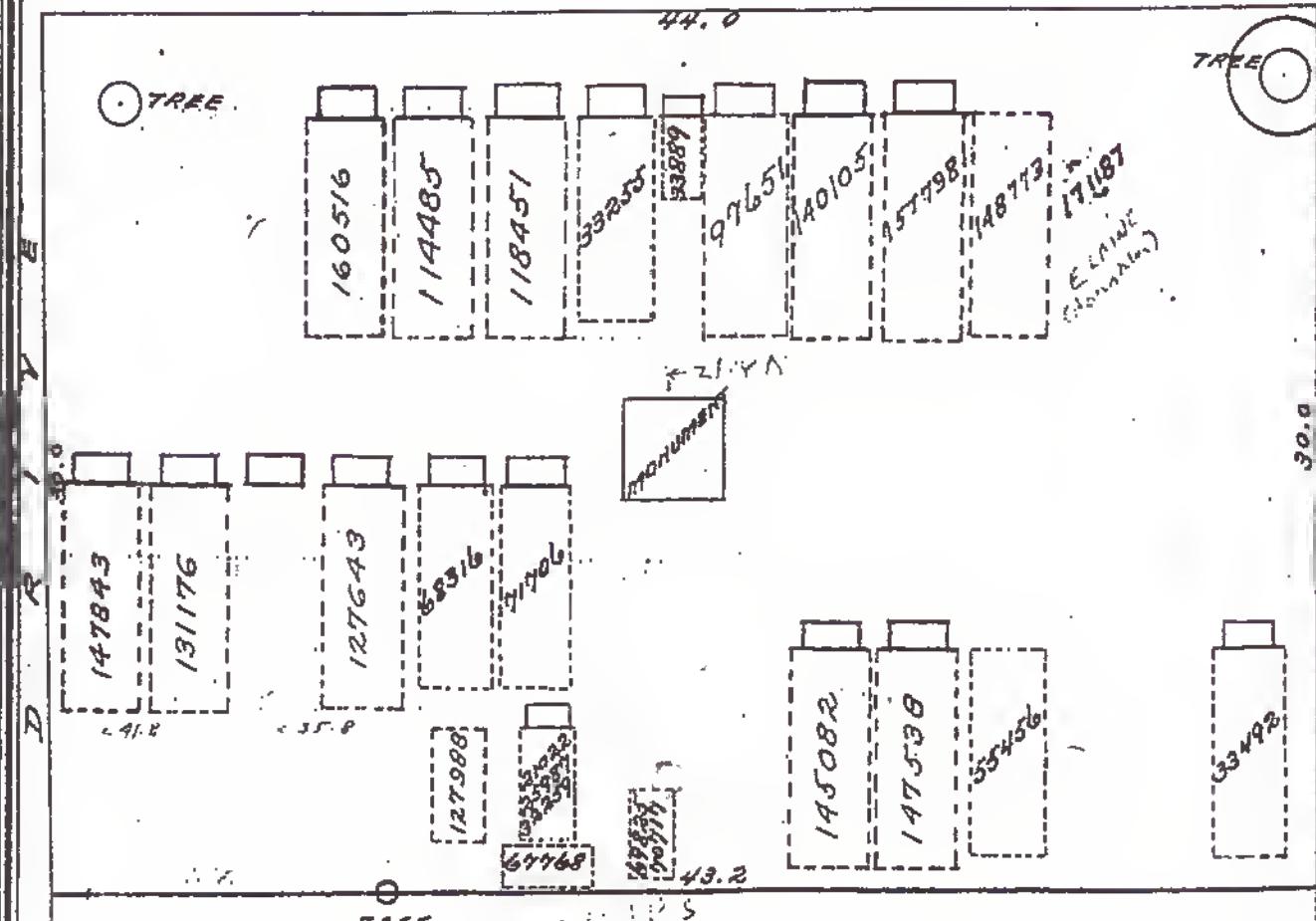
OWNER MARY A. PHILLIPS

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1308. SQUARE FEET

SCALE ONE INCH = 8. FEET.



No record exists of when the Phillips monument was  
erected but it must have been quite costly

If occasion should arise by all means visit Rosehill Cemetery and our ancestors. Bring a sandwich or just a cup of coffee. Imagine the time when family members of old stood in your spot and paid their respects to a loved one as they were given their final resting place.

